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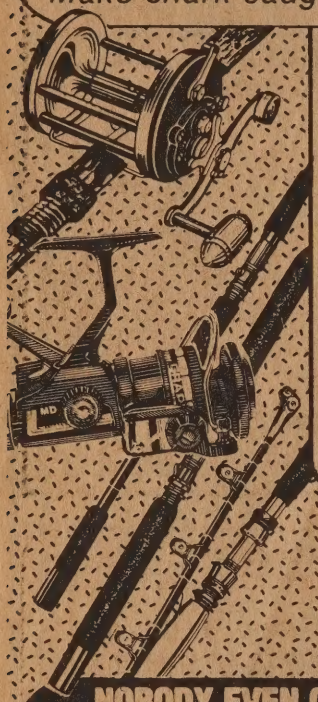

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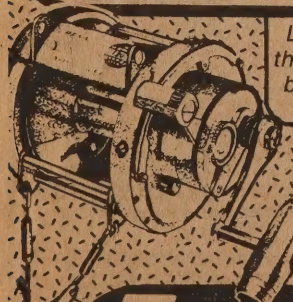

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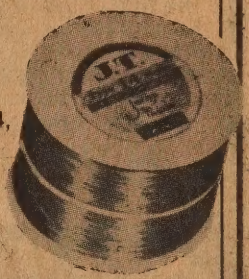

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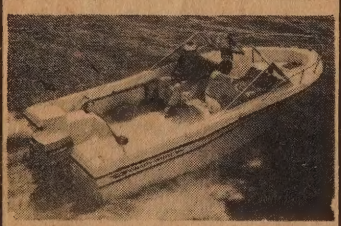

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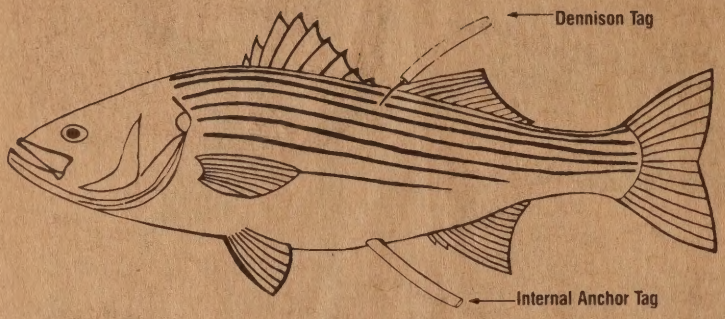

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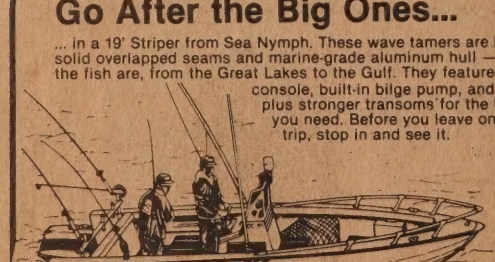

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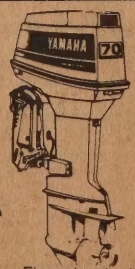

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The 249 is available in transom configuration for either single or twin outboards and a fold-down motor well bulkhead is standard. The cockpit has storage holders for 10 rods and 14 rods with the optional leaning post rocket launchers. The aft cockpit also houses a washdown system and two, rounded, recirculating live wells.

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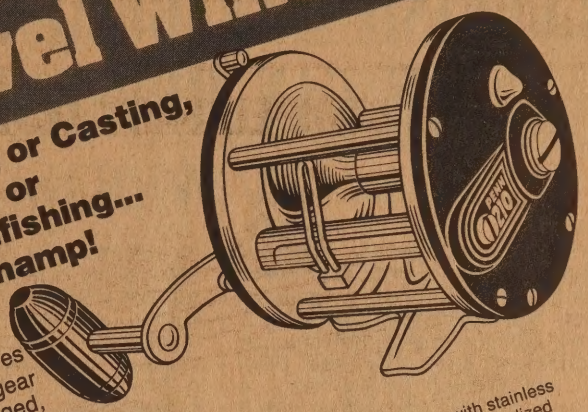

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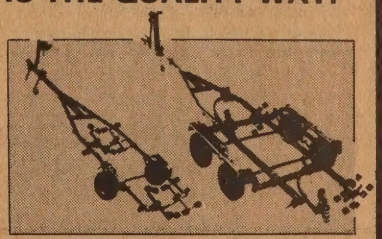

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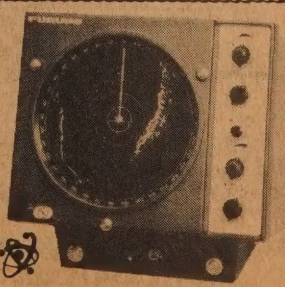

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BLUEFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN IS REJECTED: WE CAN REVERSE THE DECISION

by William A. Muller

On Friday, September 7, 1984, the National Marine Fisheries Service notified the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Council that it was not going to approve the bluefish management plan that has been under development for five years. A number of sources told us that NMFS beat the time deadline by only about one hour.

The decision not to accept a management plan for bluefish effectively equates to non-management of the species. We have learned from responsible sources in Washington that the Council forwarded the plan marked "recommended for approval to the Washington office where it was approved and forwarded for approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which is an office of the President of the United States. We have it on authoritative information that OMB influenced the National Marine Fisheries Service to reject the plan. Our information suggests clearly that OMB's intention was to trim costs unless "potential benefits for society outweigh potential costs." This language translates readily into a philosophy not to attempt the management of species whose stocks are at high levels, and that equates to management only under crisis. Another point can be made here, indeed it was made in the final management plan that was forwarded for approval. That is, bluefish as a recreational species generates $98

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million (first cost value only) along the coast. Realistically, the economic benefit of the species exceeds $300 million when you factor in secondary and tertiary cost values. A valid question would therefore be: How much would the plan cost to administer and enforce? Since we have been involved with the evolution of this management plan from the very beginning, we have been privy to a great deal of practical and theoretical information. Thus, we know with confidence that the plan would cost at most, between $20 and $40 thousand to administer. Therefore, a cost-benefit comparison of $40,000 to $98,000,000 seems to satisfy National Standard 7 that "...potential benefits for society outweigh potential costs." The dollar value only scratches the surface as we well know. This does not include social and leisure time values.

NMFS also cited Executive Order 12291 in rejecting the plan. E.O. 12291 requires that regulatory actions be based upon adequate information concerning the needs for and consequences of proposed Government action. It is hard to imagine how this plan is inconsistent with National Standard 7 since the plan was five years in development and debate. Extensive double rounds of public hearings allowed for volumes of data and information to be fed into the record. The councils took quantitative testimony from scientists, NMFS, recreational fishermen, commercial fishermen, and other sources. Indeed, it was not a lack of data and an informed perspective on the Council's part, but NMFS was off-base on several items. In rejecting the plan, NMFS indicated "...90 percent of the fishery takes place in waters under state jurisdiction." This position is totally indefensible and data in the plan presents accurate information on the subject. We wonder why OMB and NMFS didn't read the plan? In rejecting the plan, NMFS also states, "It [the plan] makes no provision to limit the growth of recreational fishing, which could be significant in contributing to overfishing, ..." Obviously NMFS and OMB are not familiar with a precedent setting paper by Radovich (1975) that was thoroughly documented in the final plan. Even with our present understanding that hook and line methods cannot overfish a large migratory stock such as bluefish, the Council, in the plan, expressed a willingness to amend the plan down the road should recreational overfishing occur. This provision was a concession about recreational overfishing even though it was unnecessary according to the latest and best scientific evidence. (As per National Standard 1.)

The OMB and NMFS is also apparently unaware that both mandatory and voluntary data gathering mechanisms are either scheduled to begin once the plan is implemented or have already begun. A now coast-wide voluntary bluefish data gathering project (in conjunction with the recreational arm of NMFS) is already in its second year. Clearly, the opportunity exists for the most diverse data collection basis for management of any species.

Discussion citing inconsistencies with National Standard 4 were equally unhelpful in understanding why the plan was rejected.

It is obvious to even the most casual observer that the Bluefish Management Plan was developed with great care and effort. The Council even went so far as to confer with attorneys of the National Marine Fisheries Service to resolve several objections raised by NMFS last year. Indeed, these problems were resolved. We find it curious then that NMFS finds new objections now. Why didn't these objections surfce previously. It is clear that the Council's intention was to work, in preparation, with NMFS to avoid serious objection. Previous meetings with NMFS resulted in modification in the plan and without further objection from NMFS it was thought that the NMFS no longer held objection.

Objections to the Plan based upon E.O. 12291, and National Standards 1, 7, 4 are obviously contrived. Add this to the last minute evolution of new objections not surfaced by NMFS last year, we have clear indications of "dirty pool." Come on, if there is a real objection, then let's work it out, otherwise save us from trumped up accusations and weak interpretations of data. Neither science nor our citizens are well-served by such patently absurd discussions.

We are told that, being an election year, we can turn this around if we generate lots of letters before election day. This decision came from the President's office through OMB and, therefore, we are urging you to write directly to President Reagan. A flood of letters will now open his eyes about how many of us demand this plan be passed and implemented. In addition, local senators and congressmen may either see their election hanging precariously or become concerned for others in their party on the election block. Five years ago the people turned out at public hearings by the thousands to demand a bluefish plan. Make no mistake, the threat of ocean purse seining of bluefish remains a very real and impending danger. Exporting of hundreds of tons of bluefish to other nations remains a very real and impending danger. Without a plan there exists no way to stop this. Even the final weak plan that came out of the Council would have been effective against sudden commercial growth which was our main concern.

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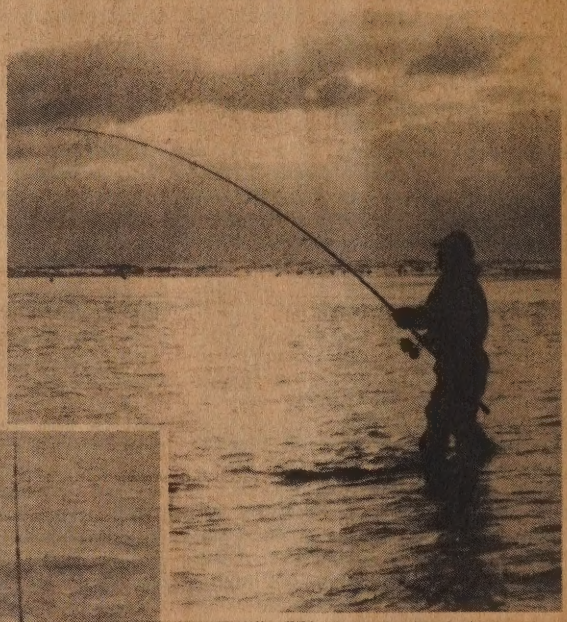

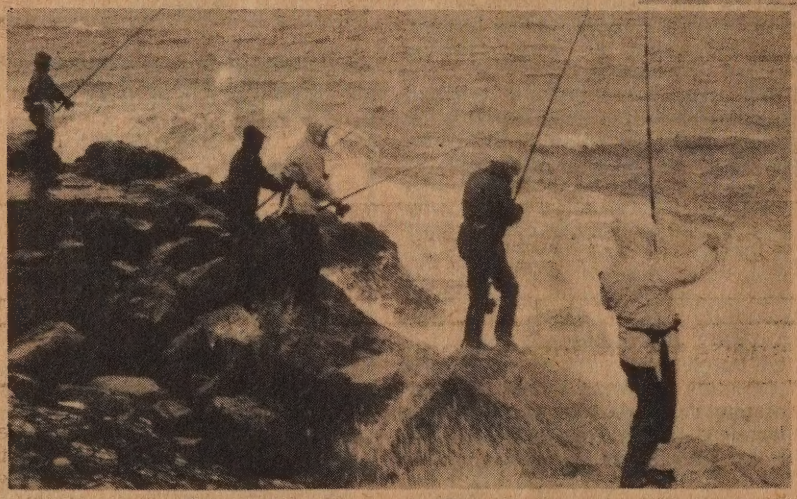

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SINKERS AND SUDS

by John Fritz

This veteran surfman sheds some insight on fishing bait in the surf.

The bait fisherman, in the minds of many, takes a leisurely approach to the sport of surf fishing. Relaxing in a lawn chair, beer in hand with his rod resting in a nearby sand spike, he presents the ultimate in comfort and contentment. A nice way to catch fish, but just how successful is such a fisherman?

It could be said that, "when the fish are not biting and there is little else to do, why not settle back and take it easy?" True to a point, if the action was fast and furious I'm sure this same angler would be hopping about the beach performing all the chores necessary to take fish. When these same fish are conspicuous by their absence, I'm all in favor of setting out the chair and relaxing. However, when there's too much comfort a person has to guard against becoming too apathetic. If an angler really desires to put fish on the beach with a measure of regularity, there are certain duties which should receive frequent attention. This is true whether the angler has good reason to believe there are fish in the area or if he is just spending time soaking up sun.

Thorough preparation, before a fisherman leaves for the beach, will go a long way toward ensuring a trouble-free trip. Successful anglers make certain that the necessary bait and equipment are the best obtainable. I do not intend to imply that an angler should use only the most expensive equipment; rather that all items of gear are quality articles in good condition. Reels should be spooled with fresh line of proven quality and the proper strength, the guides on the rod should not be grooved or broken, hooks should be sharpened, leaders should be without nicks or kinks and sufficient surplus terminal tackle stored in the tackle bag. Lost rigs happen, so extras come in handy.

Most serious bait fishermen, except maybe on their initial trip of the season, have a bag already packed with the sundry items needed to fashion new terminal rigs. Sinkers of various weights, leader material, either wire or mono, swivels, snaps, hooks, plus the tools necessary to utilize these items. During the course of the season, it may be necessary to alter the contents of this kit somewhat, depending on any change in location, quarry or the bait to be used. For instance, many bottom fishermen may start the season fishing worms for striped bass at such north shore locations as Little Neck Bay or Crabmeadow. As the season progresses they may relocate to Breezy Point using cut bait for bluefish. It can be readily seen that it will be necessary to make wholesale changes, not only in the terminal gear but in the entire

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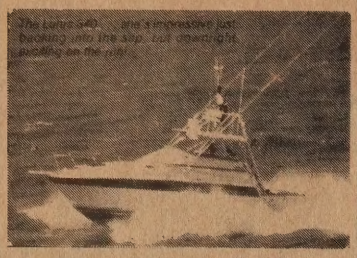

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perspective one has towards catching fish. Whereas short boots and light tackle may be sufficient in the calm waters of Long Island Sound, an angler so equipped when facing the south shore surf will have little chance to succeed. It is wise, therefore, to have some prior understanding of the conditions that will be encountered when on the beach. With this insight, the angler can select the equipment better suited to pursue his sport with the least amount of difficulty. If in doubt it is always better to overestimate what is necessary than to leave a critical piece of equipment at home.

Generally speaking, those slinging bait will require heavier tackle than that needed for plug casting. The weight of the sinker needed to hold a terminal rig in place is greater than the weight of most of the plugs used in this area. In the more placid waters of Long Island Sound, with its relatively calm surf, 3 or 4, rarely 5, ounces of lead will carry the baited hook a distance sufficient to catch fish. The oceanfront surfman, on the other hand, can encounter sea conditions in which a pound of lead, if he could cast it, would be inadequate to maintain the bait in position long enough for a fish to locate it.

Of more importance than the amount of lead being cast into the sea, is the shape in which the metal has been formed. Rocky bottoms found in many areas of the North Shore and the extreme eastern tip of the South Fork, requires a bank type sinker. Although they are less common and more difficult to obtain, surfmen working areas of severe rock accumulations prefer pencil sinkers, for they are less likely to get hung up. Regardless of the type of weight used to anchor the terminal gear in place some lost tackle, due to snagging on the bottom, it inevitable when fishing debris laden shores. Losses can be kept at a minimum if the line is prevented from dragging along the bottom. When reeling in the line to check the bait, fewer hang-ups occur if the rod tip is held high and a fast rate of retrieve, without pause, is maintained.

Even though there are occasions when a moving bait is desired, in most instances it is preferable to have the terminal rig remain stationary. The four-sided pyramid shaped sinker is used almost exclusively along the sandy beaches of the South Shore. Heightened surf conditions can make it extremely difficult to hold bottom, forcing surfmen to resort to various methods in an attempt to keep their baits from being washed ashore. Once the maximum limit of weight is reached, the use of two sinkers of lesser weight will provide more surface area to grip the sand and will occasionally work where a single sinker fails. Some anglers feel that a three-sided pyramid, such as that used in Cape Hatteras, has better holding power. Others drive nails, part way into the sides of the pyramid sinker in an effort to keep the weight from rolling with the surf. Sometimes the simple trick of holding one's rod tip as high as possible will prevent the bait from being swept into the wash. This is one reason for the increased popularity of four foot sand spikes. It is also important to maintain a taut line, not only to detect the slightest interest of a passing fish, but to prevent the breaking waves from repeatedly dragging the bait closer to the beach.

The longer sand spike, aside from the fact that it will position the line above the reach of the breaking surf, is useful when the angler is forced to remain standing in the water. This is usually the case when fishing areas featuring a wide shallow shelf, that is partially flooded, or when it is necessary to wade across a trough to fish the outer edge of a parallel bar. The elongated spike allows for secure burial in the spongy sand while providing ample height to keep the reel above the reach of the waves.

There are a few precautions which should be kept in mind when fishing from such an exposed position. It is best that the fisherman not stray too far from the rod because movement through water is much more difficult than on dry sand. A rod pulled from its spike on the outer edge of a shelf can disappear instantly in the turbulent wash of a crashing wave. Lessened drags and a frequent check of the sand spike's stability are important. When a stubborn fish is being landed, the possibility of a taut line coming in contact with the abandoned spike is a danger that must be guarded against. If the fish is to be walked back to the shore, it is advisable to get the fish under control, on a shortened line, rather than attempting to fight the fish from the beach, far removed from the interfering spike.

During the cast, the combined weight of a sinker and a generous portion of cut bait, puts a severe strain on the rod and line, not to mention one's fingertip. Rather than cast with the weight suspended in the air, as one would when casting a plug, a smoother cast and one which places less stress on all parts involved, can be achieved by laying the terminal rig on the sand behind the caster. Slowly walk towards the water's edge, with the arms and rod extended towards the rear, until the line becomes taut. Without pausing in the forward motion, with a uniform, forceful sweep of the arms, launch the weight seaward. At the instant of cast make certain that no part of the terminal rig is snagged or is resting behind a raised mound of sand.

An angler can choose the right place at the right time, be equipped with the finest tackle and still fail to catch fish, simply because his bait wouldn't interest a pack of starving hogs. The expense and effort involved in obtaining a supply of prime bait can be wasted if it is not given the proper care. Dead eels, rotten worms or

mushy bunker are not only spurned by most game fish, but they are difficult to cast and maintain on the hook in a presentable fashion. Dead eels are quickly attacked by crabs, the decaying tails of dying sandworms will break off during the cast and the softened flesh of often-thawed bait-fish will disintegrate shortly after being immersed in water—all of which leaves little to attract a wary game fish.

All bait should be secured as near to the time of use as practical. Also, it should be protected from the direct rays of a warming sun. Cool temperatures are a key factor in preserving live bait while frozen baits should be kept frozen as long as possible. If the use of a cooler is impractical, then layers of newspaper will provide a measure of insulation. Naturally the use of fresh dead bait is far superior than that which has been laying unprotected in a freezer for several months. When freezing any bait fish, they should be sealed to prevent the flesh from drying out, preferably wrapped in individual packages of clear plastic. When stored in this manner, they are provided the best possible protection plus offering the angler the opportunity to take only what will be needed for that particular trip.

The proper presentation of the bait is equally important as the condition of the bait. An eel, twisted into a knot, will induce little interest from anything other than crabs, and if a strike did occur the point of the hook will have little chance of penetrating the fish's jaw. In a similar vein, sandworms with half their bodies broken off do not present that enticing, undulating appearance so often needed to lure a wary striped bass. Cut bait has a tendency to wash out, losing its aromatic appeal, if left soaking in the suds for too long a period of time, not forgetting the havoc wrought by an army of crabs feeding on bait intended for higher species.

In an effort to keep such uncertainties at a minimum, veteran bait fishermen employ the use of two rods, thereby doubling the hope of offering a presentable bait. In addition, their bait is rarely left unchecked for long periods of time. Fifteen, twenty minutes, a half hour at most, is the maximum time a bait is left in the water before it is retrieved and re-adjusted or replaced as needed.

Attention to detail is a prime prerequisite for successful anglers whether they be plug casters or bait fishermen. The surf fisherman whose bleached out bait sits on the end of a line which is dragging in the wash will occasionally take a fish. His goal might be to simply spend the day at the beach with little thought of catching fish. Bait fishing is the most relaxing way to fish but if an angler intends to put fish on the beach he must guard against neglecting those tasks which produce fish with regularity.

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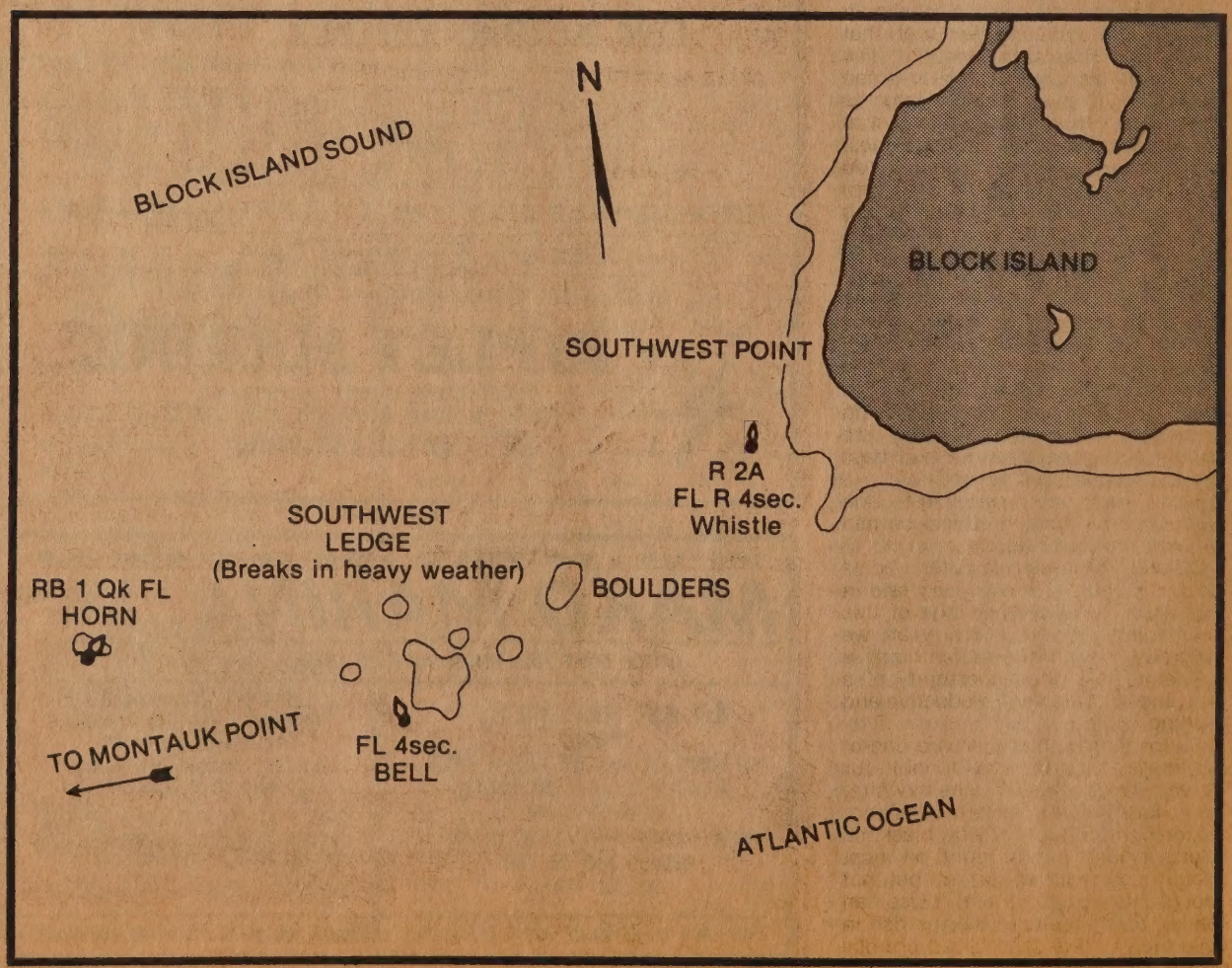
by Capt. Bill Ricca

Nestled between Montauk and Block Island, "the Ledge" produces blackfish of outlandish proportions through much of the fall.

There lies a piece of bottom approximately 13 miles due east of Montauk named Southwest Ledge. This area is a rugged piece of rocky bottom consisting of many small underwater peaks and valleys. It is marked by a buoy, #R2. You will note, if referring to a chart, that the bottom comes all the way up to only 30 feet from a surrounding depth of over 130. It is a dangerous place to be in rough weather and should be avoided if there is any doubt in your mind as to the sea conditions. You will note that the charts indicate that in this area you will encounter breaking seas in heavy weather. Now that I have told you about the bad features of the Ledge, let's hear some positive news with respect to the fishing here. The Ledge has long been a favorite haunt of the Montauk Charter Fleet for cod in spring and in summer and early fall is a hotspot for blues. It is a moderate run from the Inlet and from April to June, it usually produces very well. Cod from 2 to 15 pounds, with a few going 20 pounds, are the rule of thumb. Occasionally, in the spring, a few large blackfish and flounder are mixed in with the cod. The cod are taken on either jigs (6 oz.) or bait (clams). Jigging is always done while drifting, while bait fishing can be done either while at anchor or while drifting.

During the summer months the Ledge usually holds a good population of blues which can be jigged or trolled. In years past, when they were more plentiful, weakfish could also be found here.

But now let's address ourselves to the fall season at the Ledge. From mid-October into December, the Ledge abounds with small to medium sized cod and unusually large blackfish, known locally as "bulldogs," for



their tenacity.

The cod range from 3 to 18 pounds, while the blacks go from 5 to 12 pounds. This is unusual fishing in that, in one day, or on one particular tide, the blacks will outnumber the cod. Both are caught using green crabs as bait. This bait is hard to come by at Montauk, so I suggest that you bring your own supply with you. The rocky bottom here at the Ledge is covered with crabs and barnacles and this is what attracts blacks and cod.

Upon arriving at the Ledge, I would recommend your cruising around with your recorder on and check out the bottom formations. Try to pinpoint the peaks and anchor up over one. Stout equipment is advised since most of the time it is necessary to use from 10 to 14 ounces of lead to hold bottom. A good conventional reel with 30 pound mono and a medium to heavy action 7 foot rod fits the bill. Try to plan your trips around periods of slack water when the fishing is usually the hottest and the need for heavy sinkers is the least. During the new and full moon periods, the tide really pumps in this area.

The blackfish found here can often be very fussy feeders. At times they will really jump on your bait and at other times, they will just pick at your offering. When they are feeding aggressively, you should not strike the fish on the first hit. You should bear in mind that the green crab that you are using is a very hard bait. The blackfish will pick it up, mouth it and then slide it back further into its mouth to crush it. It is now that you should set the hook. This is the most important part of the struggle. You must prevent the blackfish from getting back into the rocks. Strong pressure must be applied to prevent this. From there is it just a give and take up to the surface and your landing net.

At this time of year, many of the private and charter boats are being hauled out for the season, so the competition is at a minimum. This is a very under-utilized form of fishing since those boats still fishing are usually out in quest of striped bass and the last of the bluefish.

There is some very fast and productive fall fishing still to be had as the leaves start falling.

Several Montauk charter boats remain in the water until very late in the season to take advantage of this fine fishing. At this time of year, we generally sail with or without a charter to take the opportunity of a last fling at some very productive and exciting fishing.

As for eating, blackfish are one of the finest eating fish that inhabit our waters. Once filleted, their white, firm flesh lends itself to broiling, baking or frying. Try frying blackfish fillets in just a little light oil (just enough for them to sit in, but not enough to cover them). Use an electric frying pan and dip the fish in egg, then in seasoned bread crumbs prior to frying.

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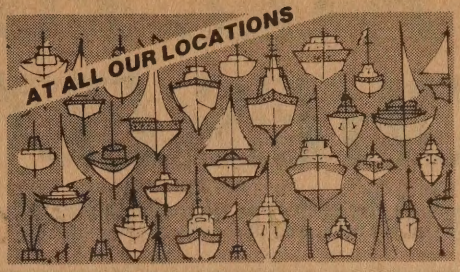

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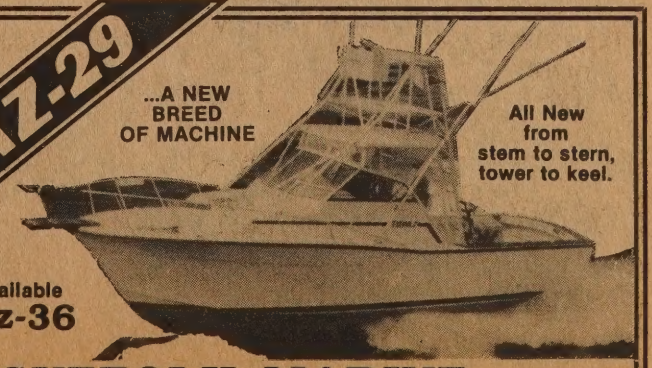

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FALL FOR MORICHES FLOUNDER

by Martin & Janet Garrell

Several factors combine to make the fall run of flatties in Moriches Bay something special.

Somehow we always put off fall flounder trips. The nicest September days and the first cool nights of October sort of slip by, and suddenly we're buffeted by one fall storm after another. Then, the realization sinks in: summer's fluke fillets are all gone, and the prime tautog we've enjoyed lately really doesn't have a long freezer life. Better get those fall flounder today—not tomorrow!

There's probably no easier place to gather autumn fillets for your needs than the bays of the South Shore. Lack of strong tides, shelter from the chilling northwesterly blasts that follow each of the frontal systems with increasing frequency and severity, and shallow waters that warm nicely on a fall afternoon—all these factors make for excellent flatfishing from small boats; however, Moriches Bay means something special to flatfish aficionados. Because it's one of the largest End End bays and because commercial exploitation is prohibited by law, its populations of both winter and summer flounder are healthy and reliable. On much of the Sound, particularly out east, when you hear a good fishing report on Monday, you'd better get out on Tuesday because if you wait until Thursday a handful of unscrupulous small draggers will have the beaches picked clean. On Moriches Bay, there are simply no gill nets, no haul seines, no traps, and no draggers, so the fishing is quite reliable.

When four of us met Jim DiVita at Skidmore's in early November last year for a Saturday of flounder action, Jim was happy to recommend some productive, mud-bottomed areas in Hart Cove, but was conservative about predicting an easy day of fishing. Cool weather and early frosts had dropped the bay temperature sharply into the low 50s, and a chilling 20 mile per hour northwest wind would be at our backs for the entire day. Moreover, we would be faced with outgoing water most of the day, so there would be no warming of the bay by the ocean outside. DiVita need not have worried so much. We picked all the fish we wanted, a couple of dozen, and threw back more than 20 more in a few hours of prime fishing just after midday, once some morning

Carlos Dazzi unhooks an average fall run flounder taken from Moriches Bay.

sunlight helped get the fish started.

We'll miss Jimmy, who retired prematurely for health reasons, and Skidmore's this season, but fishing stations like Cerullo Brothers, Tadsen's, Hi-Way, Silly Lily, Seatuck Cove and L&M Marine are still there, and probably all of them will be supplying bait and chum to hardies until Thanksgiving. A word of caution, however: it's wise to call and check any of these places ahead if you're fishing after mid-October just to make sure that they've still got rental skiffs in the water and that they've got all the supplies you'll need. If bad weather strikes and the gales of November come early, don't blame livery operators for shutting down or at least cutting way back. Bad weather and poor business go together on the water, and most stations are really open in October and November only as a courtesy to their spring and summer regulars.

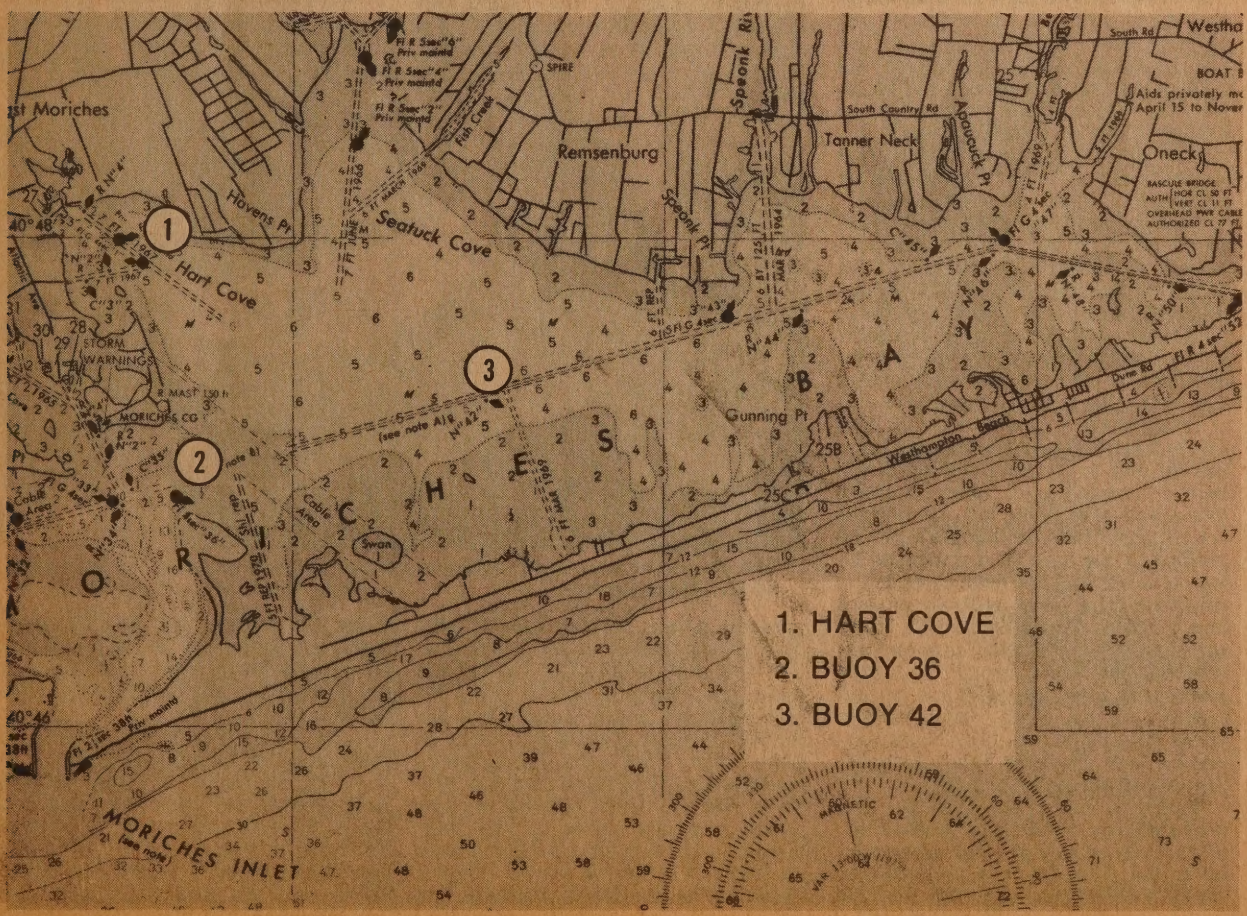
The standard chum in the fall is the same as in the spring, cracked mussels in a small pot, but cracked corn isn't such a bad idea in the 4 to 6 foot depths where you'll be fishing. We found nubbins of blood and sandworms to be the best bait when we fished late last season, but it would not hurt to bring some red-dyed clams and skimmers in case the flatties are in the mood for bivalves.

The only real problem that we had while chumming was the attractiveness of our smorgasbord to all the small blue claw and spider crabs that also call the bay "home." We'd drift a bit, pick a flounder or two, then anchor and chum, and do very well for a half hour or so. Then there would be an onslaught of the gang with the claws, and we'd have to move off 50 yards or so to another spot and repeat the procedure. Jim DiVita subsequently told us that that is indeed the best technique; just leaving the crabs to themselves for awhile and relocating over successive pods of flounder.

Whether you fish Hart Cove or some of the channel holes around Buoys 36 and 42, tackle can be as light as you like. After all, these are shallow water panfish! A flounder of 15 inches and just under two pounds was the best in our haul and only one fish in every 10 topped 14 inches. We had a lot of fun with half-ounce sinkers and ultralight gear, both conventional and spinning, using lines that tested two to four pound. Rigs varied as well. One of our party last fall, John Vella of Freeport, used a simple egg sinker-and-swivel-stop and two foot leader-to-hook connection and he caught better than anyone else for the first couple of hours. The senior angler in our party, Frank Manarel of Mattituck, who has cultivated his touch over the decades with flatfish and porgies, stayed with a "Greenport double ugly" rig, a garish three-way swivel and clip for the bank sinkers plus two big #6 Chestertowns on a tandem hook arrangement. Heavy 50 pound test leader material in a gaudy red hue, and the long shanks of the hooks made his worms look like they were riding on harpoons attached to running lines. Yet, as usual, Frank was high hook when the day was over. We ourselves stayed with a standard two-hook affair, small #8 beaks plus 20 pound test material, and a fish finder on the sinker, caught enough fish and took a few pictures. Moriches flounder aren't all that fussy and, with such light tides, any baited hook on any length of leader should settle onto the bottom. A slow lift did prove invaluable in tempting the sluggish flounder that day, probably due to the cool water.

There is a fly in the ointment when it comes to floundering through the fall on Moriches Bay. As Nick Castoro of Cerullo Bros. pointed out recently, "These fish are coming in here for the winter to spawn in the spring; every flounder you take in the fall from this bay is equal to 4, 5—who knows how many adult flounder later! That's why we don't encourage a lot of fishermen to come here in the fall, and we like the ones who do come to take only as many flounder as they really need."

The protective attitude of livery managers and owners like Castoro serves the Moriches Bay flatfish in good stead. It may be one of the reasons why the "flounder paradise" should be available for South Fork anglers for a long time to come!



WIRE LINE FUNDAMENTALS

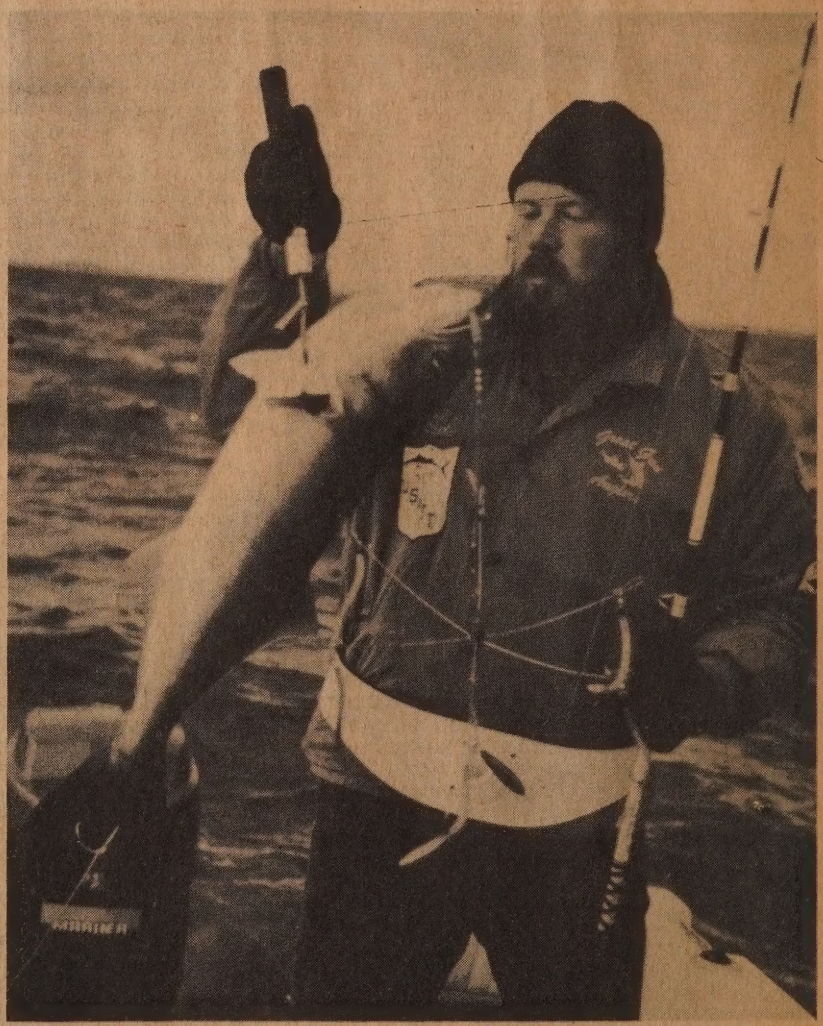
Part Two—*by John Raguso*

This second and concluding part includes a list of tips that are sure to up your wire line score.

Touching on boat speed, I've overheard many people comparing notes as to optimum RPMs for their U-rigs. This is misleading since no two boats handle the same. You really can't compared outboard RPMs to I/Os or inboards, and sea conditions or currents will also adversely impact your formula. Optimum boat speed is determined only by putting your rig overboard and increasing your RPMs forward motion until you observe your tubes achieving the desired action. Even using the same boat, this "speed" variable will change almost daily as you experience different wind, wave and tidal flow conditions, but at least you'll understand the effect that each has on your U-rig's action and be able to fine tune its performance. The topic of which type or style or umbrella rig to choose can be an article unto itself. As such, I'm just going to give a primer in the choices that are available. They range from single arm "coat hangers" to six armed 13-tube "gorilla rigs." No matter what the style, the U-rigs come in three basic forms: completely rigged, un-rigged, and homemade.

The rigged versions are available at most tackle shops either under prepackaged national brand names or local no-name brands. Either type will be expensive ($10-$15) and you don't have too much control over the color of the tubes. Most wire-liners I know opt for the un-rigged umbrellas and custom rig their hook sizes and choice of tube colors. If you do a lot of wire line fishing, this is the cheapest and easiest way to go. By purchasing the bent Limerick hooks used on these umbrellas in boxes of 100 and cutting your own tubes, you'll save about 50 percent of the cost for a pre-made U-rig. The build-it yourself category is practiced by a small minority of wire line trollers. These fishermen don't really experience a significant savings over the unrigged group; but they practice this art to achieve a certain quality control over the umbrella forms they've found to be most successful and because they probably just like to tinker around a bit.

Everyone has their favorite umbrella rigs for one reason or another, and Im no exception. I've settled on using the S&G 6-arm mini umbrella rig for a lot of good reasons. First, it presents a tight baitfish pattern with no hookless teasers to get in the way. It's relatively small (7½" arms) yet has a good balance due to the 3 oz. bullet-shaped center weight and extended through wire attachments on either end. This stiff through-wire construction at the line junction prevents the rig from rocking on the center line like many of the four-armed U-rigs that simply have a snap on either end of the center weight. Lastly, it is extremely durable, no doubt due to the shore, stubby stainless cross arms, and we've had many encounters with triple-header blues in the 12 to 15 lb. class on these rigs with no fatalities.



Ted Bingham holds an 18 pound umbrella-caught blue. Note the drail used for added depth.

Color theory has been discussed in this magazine many times before. I'm sure you've heard of those anglers who prefer all one color and those who prefer two alternate colors, or have at least one off-color tube on the rig. I keep four U-rigs on board my Grady White and alternate them until the

fish show a preference. Rig #1 is made up of a combo of dark green and fluorescent lime green tubes; Rig #2 is a combo of dark red and fluorescent red tubes; Rig #3 is a marriage of red and white tubes; and Rig #4 combines dark red and dark green tubes. A general rule of thumb is dark colors on dark days and light colors on light days, but I've contradicted that advice too many times to hold it as absolute dogma.

As intimated earlier, you can troll your wire line/umbrella rigs at various depths over open ocean bottom in search of blues or you can troll along the beach or over known structure such as dropoffs, points, jetties, wrecks, channels, etc. If structure fishing is your preference, a quality white line paper recorder is mandatory, since it will tell you the depth of the fish and thus the amount of wire to let out to put your U-rig in the strike zone. It should also help you from snagging whatever structure you're fishing over and creating a new artificial reef of sorts.

Once you hook-up with the marauding blues, there'll be no doubt as to whether they've struck your rig. The combination of boat speed and the direct stretchless pull of the wire will cause your rod tip to dance wildly and for your clicker to howl with delight.

It's the absolute savageness of this moment that is one of the thrills of wire line trolling over the open ocean. You've never quite sure how many fish will come looming up out of the depths at the end of the line, and anticipation always runs high. After the fish let you know they've taken the bait, pop on a comfortable gimbal belt and commence with the entertainment. Take short pumps on the rod (9 to 11 o'clock) and reel like a banshee to keep a tight line. Here's where you'll appreciate the 3¾ or 3¼ to 1 gear ratios of the 3/0 and 4/0 high speed Senator reels. Keep a slight forward motion with your boat to sustain tension on the wire and to keep your other umbrellas moving forward (if you are fishing more than one). Try to work the boat and fish so that you don't tangle up the other rigs. If you're only fishing one outfit, maneuver the boat so the fish are clear of the props and/or rudder and off to one side for easy capture. When they are within reach, I've found the most efficient technique for boating them is to grab the top of the umbrella rig with a gloved hand and to "sweep" the blues into the boat with one quick motion. This takes some getting used to and there is no room for hesitation. With this method, even if a blue should pop off the hook, most of the time the forward impetus supplied by this sweep will launch it right into your boat. When attempting to do this, make sure the decks are clear of people and loose gear.

Blues aren't the only species that will strike a wire line/umbrella outfit. I've had false albacore, bonito and skipjack tuna readily strike the U-rigs and cause complete havoc on board due to their power and speed.

The following is a list of wire line tips that I've borrowed from a bunch of fairly good fishermen through the years. You may find them helpful. In any event, shed your inhibitions about this productive fishing method and add another technique to your bag of tricks. The second season is just beginning, so go out and send a wire to those blues.

Wire Line Tips:

- Never take your reel out of gear when letting out the wire.
- When using multiple outfits, stagger the U-Rigs at different depths to improve your odds and to avoid tangles and/or break-offs.
- Attach bead chain drails to the umbrellas to achieve extra depth, figuring a 6 to 8 oz. drail will add an extra 4 to 5 feet.
- Speed up the boat when making turns to keep the action in your U-rig and depth faily constant. Keep turns to shallow anglers to avoid tangles.
- When reeling in fish in a following sea, keep the boat moving forward at a slightly faster pace to avoid slack line and a lower hook-up/catch ratio.
- Keep the umbrella tubes close together to encourage multiple hook-ups. If you use dropback tubes, keep leaders 8-12" long, and lighter than the main line.
- Spool your wire on the reel under tension and write down your depth marking system so you won't forget it.
- Don't use aluminum spool reels with either stainless or monel wire, as this will promote corrosion. Opt for either stainless or chrome/brass spools.
- Rig surgical tubes onto the umbrellas with bead chain swivels to ensure more action.
- Avoid using your wire line rod for any other type of fishing. Even though the carboloy guides resist major grooves, microscopic nicks and burrs will slowly destroy mono line. This process will accelerate under heavy loads.
- Reverse your wire on the reel spool at mid-season and inspect knots and swivel junctions for wear at regular intervals.
- Make sure all knots and swivels are clear of the rod tip before dropping back the wire. This avoids any momentary hang-ups that encourage bird's-nests.
- When trolling the beach, use a zigzag pattern to have your U-Rigs rise and fall naturally with the underwater terrain.
- Spool line evenly on the reel when retrieving wire to avoid excessive wire build-ups and high spts.
- Cut off your leader knot/U-Rig connection after every trip and store your line under tension by re-wrapping with masking tape.
- Back off your reel's star drags after every trip.
- Clean off the U-Rigs with fresh water and dry off at day's end to prolong life expectancy and retard rusting of hooks.

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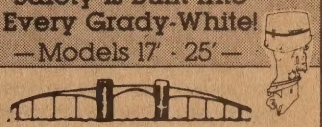

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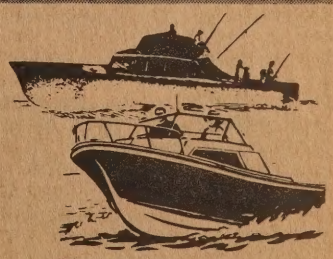

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FISH THE DROPOFFS FOR FALL ACTION!

by Joe Daly

By most standards, many of our lakes in New York are rather shallow, and this may tend to cause a slow-down in the fall fishing action. Shallow water becomes too cold to invite fish to stay there, so most anglers have a tough time catching fish in these lakes. There is, however, a secret that many successful fishermen use that helps them to catch fish aplenty even in the shallowest of lakes.

Probably you know of a shallow lake near your home. The depth of the water may average anywhere from three to six feet. Experienced anglers pass over most of this shallow water and work hard to try to find an area in the lake that will offer more depth. This deeper area may be there due to a creek channel that once ran through the area where the body of the lake now exists, or perhaps the deep hole is caused by the rushing water of an underground spring. Once you are able to locate a deeper area of the lake, you will begin to catch fish. Not just largemouth bass either, but also perch, crappie, pickerel, and sunfish. All species of freshwater fish will seek out this deeper area during the colder months.

As with any type of freshwater fishing, the main secret to your success will be in your overall approach. There are some fishermen who will find the deep holes or channels, cast a few times into the deeper water, and if they don't come up with a fish right away, they move off into the shallow water areas once again.

If you hope to get the very most from your fall freshwater fishing, you will have to be a little more dedicated than that. You will get much better results if you work the edges of the deeper water very slowly and meticulously. Cast first into the shallow waters that will be located just outside of the deep water areas, and then very slowly work the lure toward the deeper water. Once the lure is at the edge of the dropoff, continue to slowly retrieve your offering down the sloping side of the channel. Many times fish will congregate along these sides of the deep hole in hopes of catching some unsuspecting creature that may happen into the hole or channel.

The fish will use the sloping sides of a hole or channel to lie in ambush, hiding among any grass or brush that may be along the sides of the depression. It is in this area that you should concentrate your fishing efforts; not the bottom of the deeper water, but the sides of the deeper water.

As for the proper retrieve speed, the general rule is simply, the slower the better. This may take a little getting used to if you're still accustomed to reeling your lure in at a fast pace as you did during the summer months. That fast retrieve may have worked just fine in July or August, but you will really have to put on the brakes of your reel if you hope to catch fish during the fall or winter months. This slow pace is often more than many fishermen can handle. Patience begins to run out after a few casts, and then he quickly returns to his faster retrieve speeds.

Bait fishermen can get the most from their fall ishing hours on the water by either using a bobber and suspending their bait three or four feet below the water's surface where the bait can be left at the edge of the deeper water, or by not using a bobber at all, and instead just letting the bait sink down at the edge of the deeper channel, and slowly retrieving it down along the sloping recesses of

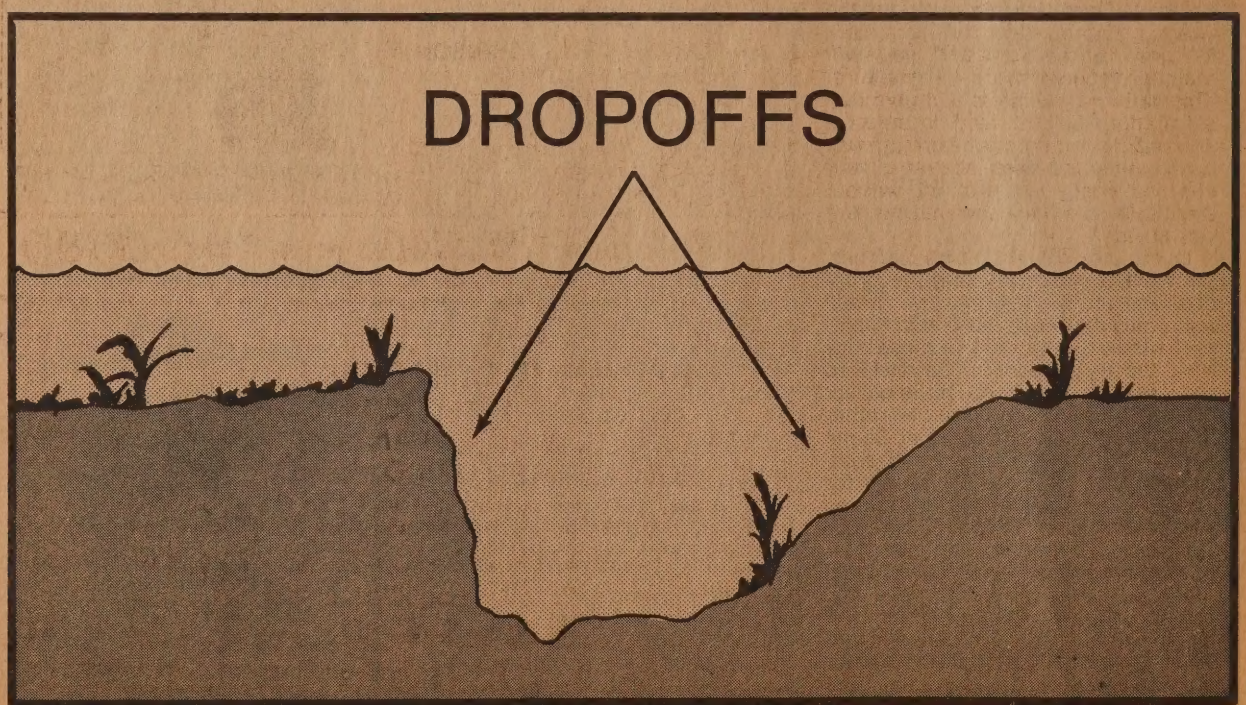

Diagram showing typical dropoff spots like this harbor lots of game fish in the fall and winter months.

the channel with long pauses between movements. This will allow you to place your bait where the hungry fish are located and at a speed that will be attractive to them as well.

It is also a good idea to add a small split shot some 12 inches up the line to keep live baits such as minnows from playing hard to get. With the small weight placed up the line a short distance, your minnow will still be able to swim normally, but will not be able to outrun a hungry fish because the split shot will act as an anchor, holding the bait in place.

Lure fishermen need only decide what type of lure to use for this type of dropoff fishing. I can recommend a few that have proven that they are more than able to do the job, but, of course, the final choice is up to you. The lead head jig can be worked nicely down and along the sides of a dropoff area, and will usually appear to be a tasty meal to a hungry fish. You will be able to hop the jig along very slowly, and you can also let the jig sit motionless for long periods of time, giving the fish a good chance to strike the lure if he wishes.

In cases where the sides of the dropoff are so thickly covered with weeds that your jig becomes entangled during every retrieve, you may want to switch over to a Texas rigged plastic worm. This is when the point of the hook is turned and reinserted into the plastic worm body. The Texas rig can be worked very slowly down the dropoff, and will not snag or tangle. What's more, the plastic worm will reward the fisherman with many strikes and, often, many fish.

Since most fish will not strike very hard, you will need to get the feel of working any lure during the fall season. When you are using the worm, try not to allow too much slack to form in the line and you will maintain constant touch with the lure. This taut line technique will give that extra edge you will need to detect a strike and set the hook before the fish on the other end loses interest in your offering. Many fish are lost without the angler ever knowing that his lure was struck.

Don't overlook the small spinnerbaits when you're working the dropoffs during the fall months. Many fishermen don't use these small spinnerbaits during the fall because they think that the lures must be retrieved too fast to attract a fish. This is not so. Choose a spinnerbait that is rather small, such as the ever popular Beetle Spin. After casting your small spinnerbait out, retrieve it slowly for about five feet, and and then allow the lure to sink to the bottom. There your spinnerbait can rest on the bottom for a few moments before you once again lift your rod tip and retrieve the spinnerbait another four or five feet, and then allow it to sink once again. The spinnerbait is a great lure for attracting fish, and by using this very slow retrieve method, it will delight many hungry fish during the cold water months.

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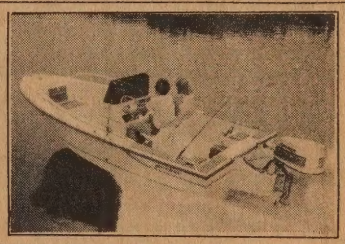

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SOUND OFF FOR TAUTOG

by Gerald Hahn

Long Island Sound is actually no more than an estuary of the Atlantic Ocean. But what an estuary it is! The waterway extends for nearly 100 miles west to east and in some places, for more than 15 miles between Long Island and Connecticut. Although the north shore contains most of the species found along the south shore, including blues, weaks, stripers and on the bottom, fluke and flounder, its unique bottom structure is especially suited for porgies and blackfish.

Blackfish, particularly, are fond of a littered terrain, the kind that predominates on the Sound. Here, jagged boulders and rock ledges attract clinging vegetation, barnacles and mussels, and the crevices provide cover for numerous invertebrates—favorite blackfish prey. Indeed, one look at a blackfish, or tautog, as it is called up north, and you know it was designed for browsing in the rubble. The blackfish's stocky proportions and soft tail make it a poor competitor for swift baitfish. But its thick, slimy hide, large lips and human-like teeth are ideal for nibbling hard things in a rugged terrain. Indeed, the fish comes with an extra set of dentures in back of the throat, more like a nutcracker, for crushing the prey. Blackfish are not migratory and they spend the winter in a lethargic state in local offshore waters. When water temperatures reach the mid-50s to low 60s, however, they head inshore. Blackfish settle along the south shore, too, at inshore ocean wrecks and reefs, around the jetties of various inlets, and near pilings and bridge supports. The largest specimens, however, favor the north shore's rock piles.

During the fall run, blackfish spread out all along the Sound, and fishermen catch them at their favorite hide-outs. Three typical blackfish haunts may serve as examples: Eaton's Neck, Old Field Point and Orient Point.

Eaton's Neck contains a well-known fishing area known as the triangle, which is defined by three buoys. The currents within the triangle are turbulent because the bottom suddenly rises. Thus, the triangle is an excellent place to drift for such predators as weaks and blues. The rise, however, consists mostly of rock ledges, not sand, and consequently, it attracts blackfish as well. Undoubtedly, the best blackfish area here is in about 20 feet of water, just south of the green buoy 11B, which forms the northernmost apex of the triangle. The ledge extends from the buoy to the south for at least a city block. The red buoy to the west is also good, although its ledge, extending eastward, is smaller. The southernmost buoy sits over a mixed and somewhat softer structure, and is therefore more suitable for porgies.

An average Sound black that fell for a sandworm at Old Field Point.

Old Field Point, just west of Port Jefferson, has a different structure from Eaton's Neck. Here, a lighthouse situated on a bluff, denotes a point that is guarded by immense boulders spread out on the beach and spilling into the Sound. Some of these rocks are so large, they remain exposed during the highest tides. Instead of rock ledges below, however, mud bottom soon becomes hard and strewn with numerous smaller rocks, from the shoreline to the bell buoy 11A, about a half mile out. Beyond the buoy, hard bottom extends for another half mile to depths of 55 feet. Thus, at Old Field it is possible to fish so close to shore that you can see the bait on a surfcaster's rig. And since blackfish are taken in depths ranging from 6 to 60 feet, you can also fish a mile from shore.

Orient Point, in the east end, is more complex than the other two, and consequently, there are three different areas one can explore for tautog. The first is off Mulford Point, to the west, which is even more awesome than Old Field. The rocks here are larger, and the cliff more rugged. And since deep water is close to shore, most blackfish anglers work near the partially submerged boulders. A second spot is off the lighthouse, east of Orient. Situated on a foundation of rocks between Orient Point and Plum Island, the lighthouse attracts numerous blackfish, especially on the north and west sides in 60 feet of water. Finally, there is Plum Island itself, where some of the largest bulldogs are taken in the fall, specimens up to 15 pounds. The island's north side is studded with boulders, and the drop-off is sudden.

At all of these places, blackfishing is performed in a fairly similar manner. Tackle consists of a heavy eight foot spinning rod and a strong surf reel spooled with 20 pound test. Anglers seeking trophy fish may resort to a conventional rod and a reel comparable to the Penn 65 spooled with 30 pound test.

When fishing in a place where rigs

are not likely to foul every minute, many fishermen use two hook rigs. For shallow water, the hooks may be tied in tandem, as per a flounder rig. A dropper loop on the main line about two inches above the sinker secures the hooks. Bank sinkers are usually employed on the north shore and weights vary greatly: one ounce in the shallows and up to 10 ounces in deep water on a strong current. At the latter, however, many anglers favor a high-low rig, since large blackfish are often attracted to a hook set higher. One hook is tied, as described, and the other is connected to a second dropper at least a snell's length above the first. With either of these rigs, a snap tied to the end of the line makes changing weights easier. In rig snaring terrain, however, a single hook is less likely to foul. For this reason, many anglers use a barrel swivel and a short leader of 30 pound test for the rig. The main line and the leader are tied to the swivel's eyelets with improved clinch knots, and the leader is then used to tie in the hook and the sinker. An end loop on the leader is cheaper than a snap for securing the sinker.

All of the rigs mentioned involve Virginia hooks on 12 inch leaders of 40 pound test, although some people favor Sproats. The blued Virginia comes with a small offset point and a short bend. It has been specifically designed to secure crab baits, especially in sizes 4 to 6.

Blackfish anglers are notorious when it comes to arguing about the merits and deficits of various crab baits. The majority agree that a green crab makes the best bait for large blackfish. In the east end of the north shore, however, blackfish specialists will gladly trade five green crabs for one hermit crab. And in some places, aficionados will argue in favor of the tiny fiddler, or even a sandworm. Having tried them all, I will say that each bait has its moment at a certain time and place. Use the bait the locals favor, and you won't go wrong.

Green crabs are the largest and are usually fished in cut up sections. The crab is split down the center from head to tail, and the hook is impaled through the leg joints. Wedging the bar inside the shell and exposing the point ever so slightly secures this crab as well as any other one. Some people break off the crab's legs and insert the point through one socket and out another. The best green crabs, however, are the smallest, for these can be fished alive. Simply run the hook through the rear of the carapace and break the claws at the first joint. A size 4 Virginia is best for rigging green crabs.

Fiddlers are the smallest crabs and are always fished alive. The smaller #6 hook is impaled in the same manner as when hooking a lively green crab. Some people remove the large fiddler claw of the male and insert the hook through this socket and out the rear. Although fiddlers are only the size of a thumbnail, I have taken blackfish up to 6 lbs. with them. In this regard, a whole sandworm can be deadly, too, if you manage to find a spot that hasn't been infiltrated by bergalls, sea robins and windowpane flounder.

Hermit crabs are medium sized, but high on the pocketbook. Nevertheless, blackfish specialists in the east end say the cost is worthwhile, and judging by the size of the fish they catch every autumn, they may be right. As far as I know, this bait is only available there. The hermit is like a seaworm and a crab rolled into one, for it has a moderately hard shell and a soft, spongy abdomen, often confused as a tail. Being so vulnerable, the hermit seeks a home in a discarded shell. Thus, the crab must first be evicted from its dwelling, by pounding on it with the flat side of a diamond sinker or a block of wood. After carefully breaking the shell, the exposed hermit is rigged (with either size hook) through the hard undersize and into the soft "tail." Here, too, some anglers may break off the large claws.

Finding blackfish of any size at the places mentioned, and elsewhere, may require a bit of scouting, since the fish do not stray very far from the sites they choose. Figure about 20 minutes of fishing at anchor, and then moving to another likely spot. Actually, blackfish up to 3½ lbs. will take a drifting bait, and this is another way to locate them before anchoring. In littered terrain, however, drifting will only secure the Sound's real estate; so use discretion.

No matter what arguments blackfish anglers may have about bait, rigs and scouting methods, they all agree that the rod should be held absolutely still, with the baited rig on the bottom. A tight line and a rod tip pointing down are recommended as well. This way, when a hit occurs, you can raise the rod over your head while simultaneously cranking the reel. Both the rig and the fish will be saved. For a small blackfish only gives you a brief warning, by rapping on the line before plummeting to the rocks below. Large ones don't even bother with the raps.

Most people agree that the autumn run of blackfish gets under way around mid-October and lasts to Thanksgiving, although I have had some of the best blackfishing as early as late August. Fishing for them on the Sound is best around either tidal change. At other times, the current is so strong in many places that it is difficult to hold bottom with 10 ounces of lead.

Many people retire their rods after the blues depart. Extend your fall angling this year, by trying for blackfish on the Sound. On the north shore, you can rent a skiff at such places as Port Jefferson, Mt. Sinai and Orient, or you can board a party boat between City Island and Orient, including Greenport and New Rochelle, or you can launch your own vessel. This fall, see the Sound in black.

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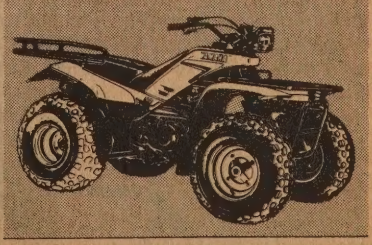
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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

The East End is experiencing fall fishing of the finest kind! Schools of small tuna are passing through—fish in the 30-200 lb. range, mixed with hordes of bluefish. Bluefish by the billions are jumping on all baits and lures with a vengeance. Porgy catches have picked up, with the fall porgy run picking up steam. Reported striped bass catches are increasing. Blackfishing is getting better; flounder caught in greater numbers. Snappers and blue claw crabs are still around.

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Captain Richie Rade happily reports that the fall porgy run has started! From Thursday through Sunday the normal catch on the **Marlin IV** averaged 50 to 80 porgies per man, fish in the 1 to 3 lb. range, with best catches near buoy 9 and off the Lighthouse. Night bluefish trips are outstanding, with as many fish as you want to catch; 20 to 30 blues per angler is not unusual, with the fish ranging from 12 to 20 lbs.

Henry Uihlein asked me to tell you he has a large supply of green crabs fo anglers trying for blackfish at the bell at outer Shagwong. Fish are in about 13 feet of water along with sea bass and porgies. Over the weekend, Kansas City, Mo. resident Dick Nickerson and his 14 year old son, Sean, rented a **Uihlein's** 19 ft. Thunderbird for their annual bluefish trip. The pair used herring bait and drails for almost 100 bluefish to 20 lbs. in weight. Flounder to 3 lbs. were caught over the weekend in inner Shagwong just east of the Montauk jetties.

Both the **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** did very well on porgies since the winds calmed. Both boats sail at 6 AM. Come on down, full buckets are practically a guarantee!

Captain Paul Forsberg feels that codfish catches have fallen off because of the bluefish invasion, with blues gulping down baits meant for cod. Night bluefishing is tremendous with all the fish you feel like catching on the **Viking** bluefish trips. Although Nomans Land porgies are outstanding, the anglers seemed to have slowed down. The last **Viking** Nomans Land porgy trips will be this weekend, the fare $36. Average catches are jover 100 porgies in the jumbo range per person. **Starship** tuna action was pretty good until the weekend, when the bluefish showed up and stole tuna

baits. Sunday's tuna trip returned with about a dozen tuna, top weight 75 lbs. with numerous bluefish.

Loads of bluefish and many striped bass were brought into **Captain's Cove Marina** on Saturday by anglers fishing on the Marie III, Venture, Hurry-up and **Mistress Too**. On Sunday, a nice catch of flounder to 3 lbs. was made at the north bar. Joan, spokeswoman for the marina stated that there are a lot of sea bass, porgies and blackfish around, worth trying for.

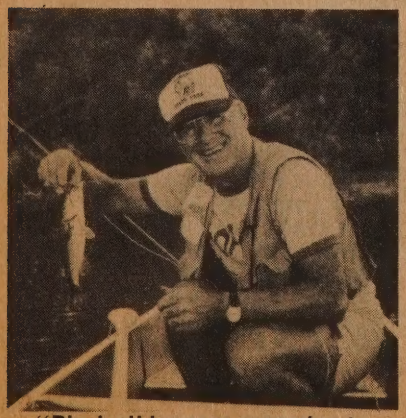
Maureen, from **Gone Fishing Marina** saw flounder to 3 lbs., which were caught off Blackfish rock over the weekend. Lots of bluefish mixed with bonito at the Point with an increasing number of striped bass, some 20 and 30 lbs.

Jim Grubb fished from the **Star Island Yacht Club** on his family boat, MyToy II, for tuna on Friday with his friend Doug MacVittie. The pair caught three tuna at the Butterfish Hole, the largest 70 lbs. On Sunday, returning to the scene with Bruce Rambold, a 40 lb. bluefin was boated, however, a large tuna estimated over 100 lbs. was lost.

Due to bad weather early last week the **Adios** stayed inshore and loaded up with bluefish, except Friday when Capt. Phil Lewis boated nine tuna, 2 over 100 lbs. with Chris McGuire of Staten Island. Striped bass catches are increasing, Capt. Lewis is now booking fall bass charters. Call him for information.

Captain Mike Albronda is concentrating on inshore fishing, since tuna action is off, while inshore fishing is picking up on a daily basis. On Saturday the catch on the **Montauk** included 90 big bluefish, 30 weakfish and 4 bass with a few false albacore and bonito, most taken on diamond jigs. A stray fluke was also caught.

Bluefish and spiny dogfish invaded the tuna grounds on Friday, hampering our attempts to catch bluefin tuna on the **Pronto**. However, Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr., Gregg Maisevich (Squaw Island Fishing Club) and I did bait and boat four tuna, the largest 38 lbs. on light (16 lb. test)



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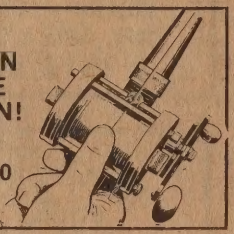

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Maggie Latinski with some of the many weaks taken by she and her husband at Block Island while on a charter aboard the Montauk based "Nostalgia II."

line, along with bonito and blues.

Captain Steve Mauss reports blackfishing excellent, with fish to 12 lbs. caught on the south side and Shagwong on the **Kraken II**.

Monster blues, about 100 of them, were caught on the **Eagle** on Sunday. Captain Fred Laier showed me a certified weigh slip from the **Montauk Marine Basin** attesting to the fact that the largest caught by him weighed 23 lbs., while Mike Buglione landed a 21 lb. chopper. While the **Eagle** is bluefishing at the present time, blackfish charters are not available. The boat will be moved to Babylon for winter codfishing, stated Shorty the mate.

While we didn't locate any sharks on the **Mako Express** on Sunday, Capt. Zac Grossman, Pat O'Connor, Howie Kiedaisch (Reel Magic) and I played with light tackle (6 lb. line) on the blues at the Butterfish Hole. Radio chatter indicated bluefish everywhere, with a few surprise catches of fluke near the point.

The following recipe for Broiled Bluefish was given to me by Bob Dibbel (Surfmaster). Line broiler pan with aluminum foil, sprayed with Pam. Place bluefish fillets on pan, sprinkle with garlic powder. Make a mixture of mayonnaise and Dijon mustard, and spread over the fish. Sprinkle with grated parmesan cheese, salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with flavored bread crumbs. Cover loosely with aluminum foil. Place in broiler on high (550 degrees) and broil about 7 minutes, depending on thickness. Remove cover and broil another 7 minutes or until done.

Last week I told you about frying bluefin tuna—cutlet style. I placed some leftover cutlets in a pan, covered by tomato sauce. Spread a liberal amount of mozzarella cheese on top. Bake until the cheese is melted and brown. Delicious.

Captain Bob Fritz sailed his Southold based boat, **Toots**, to Montauk over the weekend for autumn fluke, returning on Saturday and Sunday with at least 30 fluke per day—fish to 8½ lbs. Captain Fritz found the fish in all depths of water, off the radar tower.

SOUTH FORK

Flounders from 1-1½ lbs. were taken in pretty good numbers over the weekend at Kelly's Point (at the end of Sag Harbor breakwaters) at North Haven and Sag Harbor cove, with worms and mussels producing well according to Chris Salb at **Bayview Marine and Tackle**. Porgies have vanished. Chris heard of a few fluke caught at Jessups. Crow Shoals and the Ruins at Gardiner's Island are loaded with blues of 4-5 lbs., caught mostly trolling umbrella rigs. Blackfish were good fishing the northwest side of Plum Island near Buoy 1. Snappers are still around, mixed with tinker mackerel in the Sag Harbor area.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	9:15	9:35	10:05	10:25	9:55	10:10	10:50	11:10	12:40	12:35	12:30	12:40	9:15	9:35	10/11
FRI.	9:50	10:10	10:40	11:00	10:25	10:35	11:20	11:50	1:00	1:05	1:05	1:15	9:55	10:10	10/12
SAT.	10:20	10:45	11:15	11:40	10:50	11:05	11:55	—	1:30	1:35	1:40	1:50	10:30	10:50	10/13
SUN.	11:00	11:25	11:55	—	11:20	11:45	12:30	12:35	2:05	2:15	2:20	2:30	11:15	11:35	10/14
MON.	11:40	—	12:20	12:40	—	12:05	1:15	1:20	2:55	3:00	3:00	3:15	11:55	—	10/15
TUES.	12:15	12:35	1:10	1:35	12:35	1:00	2:05	2:15	3:40	3:55	3:50	4:05	12:25	12:55	10/16
WED.	1:20	1:35	2:05	2:35	1:40	2:05	3:10	3:15	4:35	4:50	4:50	5:10	1:25	2:00	10/17
THURS.	2:25	2:40	3:10	3:40	2:50	3:15	4:15	4:30	5:35	5:55	5:50	6:15	2:35	3:05	10/18

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/11	7:08	6:24
FRI. 10/12	7:09	6:23
SAT. 10/13	7:10	6:22
SUN. 10/14	7:11	6:20
MON. 10/15	7:12	6:18
TUE. 10/16	7:13	6:17
WED. 10/17	7:14	6:16

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/11	7:20PM	8:27AM
FRI. 10/12	7:46PM	9:29AM
SAT. 10/13	8:17PM	10:32AM
SUN. 10/14	8:55PM	11:36AM
MON. 10/15	9:41PM	12:39PM
TUE. 10/16	10:36PM	1:37PM
WED. 10/17	11:40PM	2:30PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
9/25	10/1	10/9	10/17

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	6:20	12:05	6:40	12:30
Fri.	7:05	12:50	7:30	1:15
Sat.	7:55	1:45	8:20	2:05
Sun.	8:45	2:35	9:15	3:00
Mon.	9:40	3:30	10:10	3:55
Tues.	10:35	4:25	11:10	4:55
Wed.	11:35	5:15	—	5:55
Thurs.	12:10	6:20	12:30	6:50

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Flounders are also stirring in the Noyac area, according to Helen Jacobson of **Noyac Marina**.

Flounders were caught in Shinnecock Bay over the weekend according to Thom Speckenback at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in Southampton. Blackfish are a good standby at the Shinnecock jetty, with the largest ones taken by boat at the end of the east jetty (with sea conditions favorable to anchor there). Thom also heard of fluke caught this weekend on the east side of Noyac bay.

Anglers on the **Jenny Rose** enjoyed a day of superfishing on Sunday, fishing Shinnecock wrecks. One wreck yielded a good amount of sea bass, porgies, and blackfish. While the second wreck contained codfish to 12¾ lbs. with sea bass, ling, tommycod, and porgies. Late in the day, bluefish moved in, with over 55 caught. High hook, Bernie Singer of Dix Hills, counted 9 blues along with his sea bass and blackfish and his first cod of 11 lbs. 6 ozs. The pool was won with bluefish: 1st pool by Steve Cascia of East Moriches, 13.4 oz, while Lou Paparo took second with a blue of 13.2 oz. Several members of the Lady Reeler Fishing Club, including Edwina, also were on board.

The **Jenny Rose** will make its next fishing trip on October 20th. See ad for details.

Fred, spokesman for **Altenkirch & Sons** in Hampton Bays spoke about flounder caught in all creeks and at the Basket in Shinnecock Bay. Lots of bluefish, all sizes were caught inside the Sea Buoy. Flounders have come into the Canal with snappers and sea bass. There are still a few blue claw crabs around to make it worthwhile trying.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Flounder action continued on the increase in Moriches and Great South Bays with a week of cool temperatures helping to excelerate the fishing. Despite the improved catches, the better bet remains blackfish. Big blues are close by both inlets and are being taken on drifted bait, jigs and umbrella rigs. Sea bass and porgies are mixed with the blacks in Great South Bay and all three species are producing some excellent action atop the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Boatmen working Moriches Inlet with live blackfish and bunker have been taking a fair number of big blues, weaks and bass on both day and night tides.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Some large flounder but not very many of them at buoys 39 and 42 according to Larry Dallaire of **L & M Marine** in **East Moriches**. Larry does have one "secret" spot that is producing big numbers but the fish there are averaging only ½ to ¾ of a pound. Jerry Masterson, John Nepson and Tom LaCarrubba sampled this fishing

Bob Tencza displays the 5.2 lb. largemouth he caught in a Westchester lake on a 9 inch rubber worm. The fish was weighed at Bob's Bait and Tackle in Katonah.

on Sunday and racked up 80 small flatties. Larry feels that the fall run has yet to fully develop and that some excellent fishing lies ahead. He mentioned too that there have been some impressive scores on blackfish made along the inlet jetties on incoming water.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** was more than pleased with this weekends flounder results. The fish are being taken at Haven's Point and at Ace in the Hole. Matt and John Viol fished both areas on Sunday and totaled 90 flatties from ¾ to 2 pounds. A dozen of the fish fell into the 2 pound range. They caught fish on both tides using heavy mussel chum and worm bait. Same day, Kevin, Anthony, Bob and Bob, Jr. Marchesnao totaled 68 flatties between ¾ and 2 pounds fishing the same areas as the Viol Brothers.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Speaking from his **J & J Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello mentioned a surge in flounder action this past week near the Smith Point Bridge and also in the Bay just south of Patchogue. Blackfishing remains solid at Kismet and Oak Beach and big blues are just outside both Fire Island and Moriches Inlets for jiggers and those drifting baits of butterfish, mackerel or bunker. One customer did well on the weekend near the Moriches Sea Buoy. Bill Rockwell livelined bunker in Moriches Inlet to take 4 big weaks to 12 pounds and 5 teen sized blues.

Though interest in summer flatties has waned, there is still some very good fishing to be had according to Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. Some excellent scores were made on the weekend just outside of F.I. Inlet. On Sunday, Al joined brothers Howie and Artie aboard the And How and the trio had 70 fluke from 14" up to 3 pounds working around the Bell Buoy. This appears to be the last hurrah for fluke fans. Aside from fluke, Kismet, the WR Buoy and the Oak Beach Barge are well supplied with blackfish. Porgies and sea bass are mixed with the blacks in most spots. Flounder up to 1 pound are being taken in the Oak Beach Cove and in the State Channel between the Babylon and Amityville Cut. Lots of porgies taking flounder baits in the State Channel as well. Al knew of a couple of more big weaks taken on live bait at the WR Buoy over the course of the weekend but this fishing was far from being a sure thing.

Blackfish remain the big attraction in the bay according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. Sea bass are mixed with the blacks at Kismet and Oak Beach. Bluefishing has been very good east of the Inlet in 50-80' of water. A radio report revealed good fishing underway as recently as Monday morning. The same report indicated one or two weakfish mixed with the choppers. Carl noted that crabbing is better now than it was in August with some decent catches of big blue claws being made locally.

Bluefishing has settled into its fall pattern of quantity and quality if the report filed by Capt. Nick Manzini of the **Speedy VII** is any indication. Nick said that both day and night fishing has been super with the most recent day action being found within 2 miles of the beach between the Lighthouse and Cherry Grove. An occasional weakfish, albacore and bonito is mixed with the blues which range anywhere from 3 up to 10 pounds. Slammers of 8 to 18 pounds are being taken on wrecks at night. This is all baitfishing although some day fishing on the wrecks has seen diamond jigs produce the big fish.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** said that the fall floundering has gotten off to a slow start but some fair days are beginning to mix in with catches of 8-10 keepers per man the norm. There has also been a showing of some larger fish in recent days in the State Channel bet-

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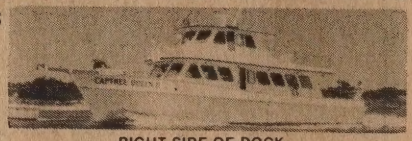

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CAPTREE

David and Murray Solomon of Queens with David's 6 lb. largemouth taken from Granit Lake, upstate New York. It was taken on a Mepps #2 spinner. Subscriber photo.

ween Cedar and Gilgo. Gordon described the night bluefish action as super with most everything done over local Fire Island ocean wrecks. Most of these fish fall into the 12 to 16 pound category. Gordon reminded that he will be running the night trips from Wednesday through Sunday nights and that afternoon flounder trips will continue at least through October 14th.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captain Joseph II** has been putting his fares into some red hot bottom action atop the Fire Island Reef and local wrecks. A mixture of sea bass, porgies and blackfish are filling the bags of fares. Friday and Saturday were both very good days while Sunday was simply dynamite. Some of Sunday's figures for the 40 fares aboard included over 1,000 porgies with half falling into the 1 to 3 pound range, 200 blackfish up to 8 pounds and 400 sea bass up to 3½ pounds. More and more blacks seem to be mixing into the catches each day. Biggest sea bass of the week was a 4 pound 13 ounce beauty taken by Walter Lee of Brooklyn during the week. Charlie passed along a reminder that he is no longer sailing for night blues and not for any want of fish despite some of the best fishing of the year, many of his customers seem to have had their fill of the choppers.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** has also been steadily working the Fire Island Reef for a good mixed bag of sea bass, porgies and blackfish. Loads of sea bass ranging from ¾ to 3 pounds, with an occasional 4 pounder being taken. Also, a good number of porgies are in the 1-3 pound range. One of the boat's regulars known only as Bruce scored with a 4.2 pound sea bass on Sunday. Carl noted that as water continue to cool more and more blackfish will dominate the catches.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** reported that just a couple of drifts at the inlet on Sunday morning yielded between 50 and 60 keeper fluke. Due to waning interest and improving flounder ac-

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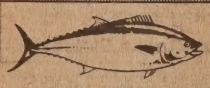
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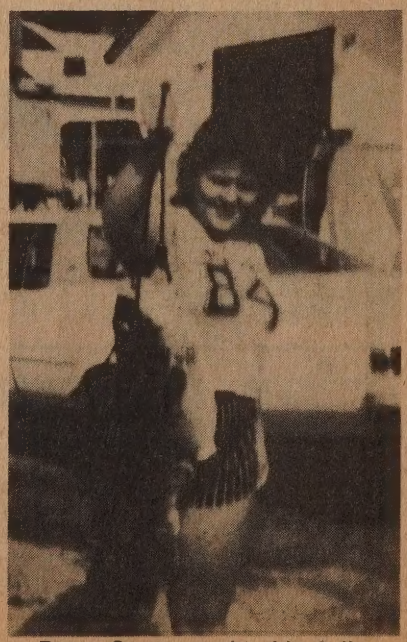

Dawn Gress caught this 8 lb. blackfish aboard her dad's boat, Empty Keg while anchored off of Throgs Neck in Long Island Sound. Subscriber photo.

tion, Rod has made the switch over to the winter flatties. He also noted that he will be making a run in two weeks to check out the status of the Heckscher Park flounder population.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Bill Stramenzzi reported some fair flounder action at the Sore Thumb, Bergen Point and in the State Channel. He knew also that the **Babylon** based **Miss Babylon** hosted 50 youngsters from Little Flower Home on Sunday. All managed their share of fish. Plenty of blackfish are being taken on the Kismet Reef and sea bass are mixed with them.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** also put in a word for the flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb and in the State Channel. He added that good numbers of porgies are still available at West Channel for those using clam or bunker chum and worm bait. Plenty of porgies, sea bass and blackfish on the Fire Island Ocean Reef and blackfishing on Kismet Reef remains very good but you need a shoehorn to get on top of the Reef on weekends. Blues to 12 pounds are in 40 to 60 feet of water between the Lighthouse and Cherry Grove.

Bob Vitale, speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, thought the best bet for flounder to be the State Channel between Babylon and Lindenhurst. He looked over a catch of 40 flatties to 1½ pounds made on Wednesday by Mike Hogebaum. He fished the Babylon Cut with clam chum and bloodworms. Some flatties also being taken back in the bay off of Bergen Point and Copiague. Some of the best crabbing of the season is now at hand though many people have given up the chase. Blackfishing remains solid on the Kismet Reef and the Oak Beach Barge.

Speaking from **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristore told of some excellent blackfishing on green crabs at Kismet Reef. The best catch to come to his attention concerned the one made by Peter Jackits aboard his Rainbow Runner II on Sunday. Peter fished over the Rota Wreck and had a number of big bulldogs among his catch. Flounder fishing is improving but many of the fish are still small.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

As we continue into the fall season, the mixed bags in the bay continue with heavy bag catches. Flounder are gathering momentum while the fluke are about petered out. Sea bass, blacks and porgies are making very good showings and keeping anglers

busy. Offshore it's mainly blues with a scattering of weaks and stripers. Plenty of bluefish action off the beaches, but for that see Fred's surf report.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Sailing out of Seaford, the open boat **Chinco III** reports flounder fishing continues to be good this past week with high hooks on full day trips reaching into the 40s everyday. Marking a steady improvement as the week progressed, by the weekend floundering was super, as proved by Jimmy Callahan with 84 good flounder on Saturday's half day trip. Sizes of fish have also improved, now going up to 2 lbs.

A call from John at **Pop's Fishing Station** told of the good flounder catches being brought back by his rental skiffs this week. Walt Weyer managed 110 flatties, average weight 3/4 lbs., while Lou Virgilio and Jim Nollar topped off three 5 gallon pails with flatties. Best action was around the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges on worm, clam and chumming very important. A mixture of blowfish, blackfish and some fluke being taken between the 3rd Wantagh and the Big M. Floundering has picked up tremendously with the last of the ebb and the first of the flood being best.

The word from **Wanser's Tackle** is of very good flounder action at Massapequa Cove, Ft. Neck Point, Four corners, 2nd Wantagh, 3rd Wantagh, with Merrick Bay being exceptionally good this week. All fish are mixed sizes. Chumming makes the difference said Lon between a pick and a big catch. Lots of blackfish at the W&M Bridges, the T Wreck and the Rota Wreck. Twelve pound class weakfish still being taken on snappers at the 3rd Wantagh and in Zachs Bay. Bunker chunks are the ticket. Lots of blues being caught in the surf, particularly West End 2, Field 6 and Gilgo on cut bait. Also some bass to 28 lbs.

Out of Freeport, the **Capt. Al** has been doing a very good job all week right through Sunday on blues with Sunday a particularly great day. It's been a combination of bait and chum and diamond jigs. The night trips have been productive. All fishing has been relatively local. Please note that Friday and Saturday nights will be the last night bluefishing trips of the season.

We hear from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** that the **Super Spray II** on its two a day bottom trips has been packing away very good catches of sea bass, porgies and blackfish, while the night bluefishing trips continue to be rewarding with big fish now being chummed at Cholera and 17 Fathoms. The Association's charter boats have also been concentrating on bluefish mainly at Cholera and 17. On the weekend

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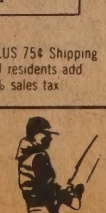
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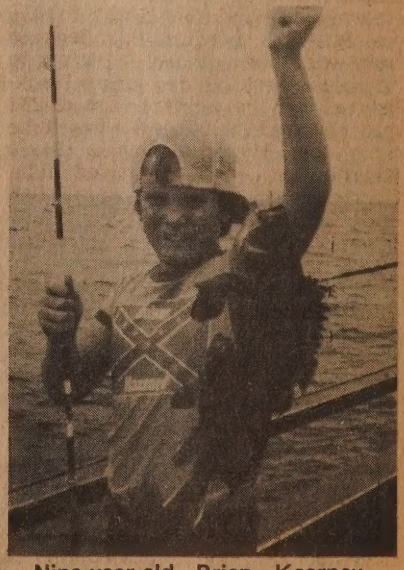
Capt. Walt Scott's **Acme II** had excellent bluefish catches with big numbers and gorilla sized fish. Smaller fish are being jigged along the beaches.

Aboard the charter boat **Nan Sea** Saturday's trip saw a solid catch of sea bass and porgies and just a few blackfish on a local wreck. Sunday' trip for Scott Moss of Connecticut had a good pick of blues at Cholera to 17 lbs. on bait and chum right on the bottom. Best catches were made in the AM. The skipper also told of a lot of good tuna catches by boats going for that species Sunday with fish to 150 lbs. taken in the area of the Bacardi Wreck.

Word from the **Starstream II** is of a solid catch of big blues Friday from 10 to 18 lbs. working 17 Fathoms. On Saturday, fares had lots of 2 to 3 lb. blues off the Jersey Highlands and later in the day off Long Beach.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** advised that both boats enjoyed very good bluefishing day and night this week. The night trips did it with bait and chum with fish from the upper teens to 20 lbs. Day trips saw fewer fish but bigger from 18 to 20 lbs. Fares used diamonds daytime fishing along the beach and to the southwest with up to 20 fish a man. Captain Sy said that his first reservation tuna trip will have sailed by the time you read this report but that he has several more scheduled for '84. These trips are limited to 10 anglers, so call early if you're interested. See ad for details.

The flounder fishing has been double excellent said Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II**, in local Freeport waters. High hook Saturday and Sunday was Bob G of Howard Beach. Bob had 46 good flatties on Sunday alone. Pete Martin was high hook



Nine-year-old Brian Kearney had this double-header of sea bass among his catch of sixteen made aboard the Point Lookout charter boat "Marie III." He also had a mess of porgies.

Thursday with 56 flounder. Catches have been good all week with fish going up to 1½ lbs. The boat is still night bluefishing, having very good catches. Saturday night's fish were very large at Cholera and Tony said that the boat is coming back to the dock promptly at 1AM.

Word from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** is that the full day boat has been doing quite fine with flounder, high hooks in the 50s and 60s each day. On the half day boat, catches have also been solid on flounder. On Friday Lou Durso of Long Beach had 50 while Saturday's PM trip has Glen Turmine and Carol Connor teaming up for 72 fish. Sunday's PM trip had Mike Wagner and John Gottesman of Bayside with 75 keepers. On Tuesday Reuben and Naomi Joel tallied 78 flatties and Capt. Doug says many people had high scores similar to these.

Larry Izzo at **Mako Marina** told of some super blackfishing aboard Lou Rineri's Victory. Roughly 300 blackfish were taken Sunday. Mixed into the catch were sea bass in sthe 3 to 4 lb. range and porgies 1 to 3 lbs. This was all on clam at the coal barge.

Out of Point Lookout, the two trip a day **Capt. Bill** on Thursday's AM trip saw Steve Marshall of Lakeview with 45 flounder, while on Friday's AM trip Roland Giuntini of Port Washington totalled 71 flatties. Saturday AM Frank and Joan Caruso of Franklin Square called it a day with 51 good fish, while Roland G coming out again on Sunday was high hook again with 46. Carmine Cesarano sailed both trips Sunday and totaled 69 flounder and 4 fluke.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** fished an offshore wreck Saturday and ended up the day at a productive local bridge. Fishing clam bait, Steve Kearney, Sr. took 37 blacks to 6½ lbs. Phil Delaney had 31 blacks to 5 lbs. while 8-year-old Brian Kearney managed 18 blacks to 4½ lbs. Sea bass, porgies, flounder and fluke were mixed in also. It was out to an ocean wreck Sunday where blackfish ran to 5 lbs. and sea bass to 2½ lbs., porgies to 1 lbs. and a few fluke to 3 lbs. High hook was Steve Kearney Jr with 128 mixed fish. Courtney Fernandez hoisted 107 fish and Tony Presto 83. Many small blackfish and porgies were returned to the water both these days.

A call from the **Miss Point Lookout** told of Tuesday PM with Lou Weinkin of Long Beach with his high hook of 48 fish. Art Baker of the Bronx with 45, George Binder, Far Rockaway with 38 and George Melnick with 28. Thursday's AM trip was very good again with Sam Morton bagging 27 flatties, Vic Levinson of Long Beach boating 31. Drew and his buddy from the Bronx sailed both triops totaling 100 fish. Friday AM Eric Olsen of Westbury had 25 while Don Sweetman of Ozone Park boated 31. Friday's afternoon trip was tough with high hook of 15 fish being Tony Veloni, including a 3½ lb. blackfish. Flounder are averaging 3/4 to 1 lb. Sea bass and porgies have been mixed in and the ebb has been best. Long and Swift Creeks have been extremely productive.

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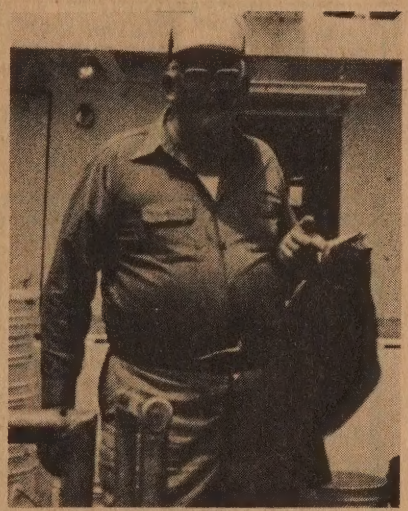

John Cunningham caught this pool winning fluke aboard the Freeport open boat, "Super Spray II."

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of a lot of activity on the weekend. Kevin Dierkan and John Corso had 5 blues from 13½ to 16½ lbs. fishing off the Silver Point Jetty. Wes Rowcroft took a 13 lb. blue this week in Swift Creek on a live bunker. Sixty-three flatties was the total for Mike hOles. Mario Di cRistina of Bay Ridge, fish went to 1 to 2½ lbs. on mussel and worms fishing buoy 17 Reyonolds and the flats. It was Ben Peebles and Jim Cunningham decking 120 flatfish at the Meadow brook on fiddlers. Steve McMahon and Ken Almodovar of LIC were happy with their 20 flounder to 2½ lbs. plus 12 blackfish taken at the Big M, Swift Creek and off the CG station Lots of small sea bass and porgies too.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of good flounder catches this week at Reynolds Channel's poles 17 and 19 and the Middle Bay flats as well as Swift Creek and the Big M area. A good number of kingfish have also been taken in Reynolds Channel Jones Inlet area with small sea bass rounding out the day's catch. Good blackfishing at the bridges and greens and fiddlers. Offshore loads of blues in 30 to 60 feet of water both to the east and west. These are smaller fish which make excellent eating, hitting diamonds. Vince O'Connor had 2 15 lbers. Some weaks and stripers off the jetty on bait and catches are being made of big eye tuna at the Virginia Wreck area on bunker.

Out of Island Park the **Commodore** has stopped fluking having turned its attention to the flounder population. Saturday and Sunday's flounder catches were good with fish being sought and caught all around the bay, flood tide best for fish running 1/2 to 2 lbs. Flounder are to be found all throughout Reynolds and action runs from a pick to good shots. Captain Clem says fluke are still around on the inside and off Playland for those seeking them.

Word from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is of bluefish being jigged and trolled off the Rockaways in 50 ft. of water, fish up to 5 lbs. Some big blues to 17 lbs. on bunker at the ABB. Flounder being caught this week at the railroad trestle, in the channel, the south side of buoy 3 and at the ABB. Blackfish also at the ABB and gong buoy with stripers at the ABB on bucktails and on bunker. Many short bass.

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From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** we learn the floundering is improving daily. Super fluking has been going on from Saturday right through Sunday and Monday while we were taking these reports in Debs Inlets. Check with Skippy for details. Blackfish at the bridges on fiddlers and greens with bluefish along the beaches on diamonds and small umbrellas. There's been a showing of kingfish near the Big M. Weakfish are off the beaches swimming with the blues and bass underneath the bunker schools, hitting chunks. Snappers and crabs continue strong right behind the shop.

Out of Sheepshead Bay Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** told of continued very good fluking all of this past week wtih very few short fish. There have been a few very large fluke and some 1 to 3 lb. sea bass mixed in. Butch says a lot of fish are still coming out of the bays and he sees about two more good weeks of fluking. A particularly good area was the warrior buoy this week. Good anglers had 20 to 30 fish a man this week.

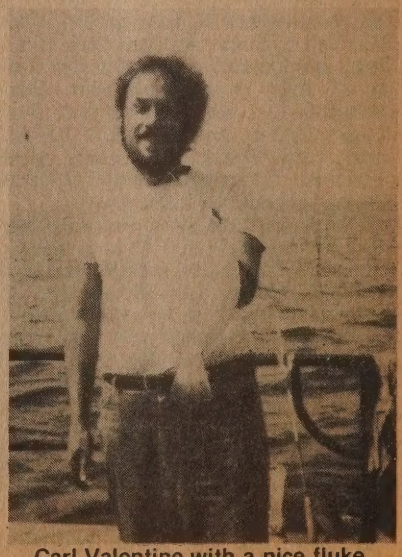
Skipper Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** reports excellent bluefishing fromk Wednesday on bait and chum and also on diamond jigs. These are big fish and Al has been working 17, Farms and Sea Bright and also along the beaches. Bonito and albies are mixed in. Fish are running 8 to 20 lbs. when they're being baited and chummed. On the jigging trips, the fish are running 1 to 3 lbs. with weakfish mixed in. Things were just super right through Sunday, boht day and night.

Please note that the **Elsie K III** will be blackfishing 7AM everyday starting Saturday, October 13.

Charlie at **Mike's Tackle Shop** across from the fleet reports the tuna fishing at the Mud Hole continues very strong, fish up to 240 lbs. Loads of albacore in the area. Bluefishing remains consistently very good for fish up to 12 lbs. with day trips seeming to be more consistent. Boats bottom fishing are getting solid catches of blackfish, sea bass and porgies with some flounder being caught also. FLuke seem to be still holding their own.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Blackfish action picked up from west to east, and some spotty striped bass fishing broke out in variou places. The fall flounder run was developing early as well.



Carl Valentino with a nice fluke taken aboard the City Island open boat, "Sea King."

Six-year-old Jesse Weiner shows his first bluefish, taken on a popper along with four others at Fort Slocum. Subscriber photo.

WESTERN SOUND

There were "blackfish by the ton" reported at **Jacks Bait** on **City Island** with most of the catches coming from 18-20 foot depths off No Nations and Execution. Harts Island and Half Moon were spots where the fall run of flounder appeared solid. Bluefish have been gone for more than one week.

Joe Ferrara of the **Sea King** from **City Island** called to say that he was fishing strictly on blackfish off Center Island, and Lloyds, Buoy 13 in depths ranging from 12 to 50 feet. Fiddlers and greens were producing good numbers of fish to 7 pounds, and Thursday's catch was outstanding.

Glen Cove Sport Shop had some big bluefish to 20 pounds spotted in harbors locally along with some bass for those fishing worms and chunk baits. Big tubes and eelskins were also producing bass, and blackfish bait "was selling like popcorn."

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** explained that there was a pick of bass to 16 pounds on worms off

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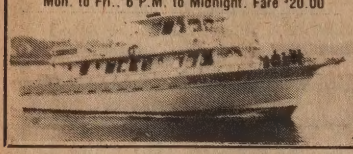

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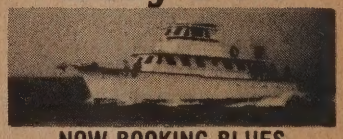

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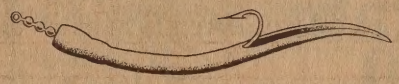
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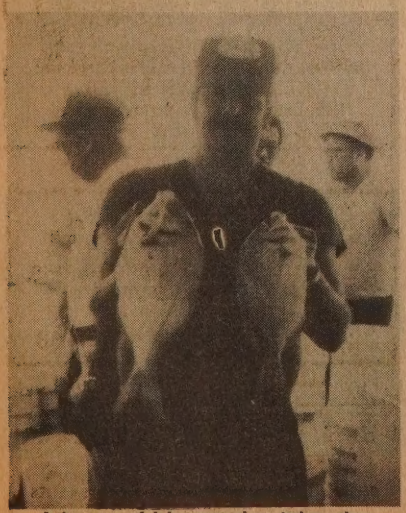
Eatons, and that bluefish jigging continued off the OB and Lloyds on small fish with the biggest slammers in the harbors. Dick Reis and Tom DeMaio had had a catch of 12-15 pound blues off Cold Spring Harbor. Blackfish action was excellent off 11B, Marshall Field, and Buoy 13 with some porgies in the Marshall Field area as well. There were a lot of flounder in the harbors, and Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** saw some 1 pounders from Huntington Harbor. Some of the other fish in the reports from **Huntington Prop** were 3 bass to 15 pounds taken by Vinnie Gray and 6 blues to 12 plus a 17 pound linesider reported by Rob and Jim Moriarty.



A brace of big porgies taken by Bob Bartz aboard the City Island open boat, "Apache."

Bill Collins of the **Ever Ready** was looking at catches to a dozen bluefish from cocktails to 5-6 pound fish around Eatons, the Obstruction Buoy, and Lloyds Buoy 15.

Bowman's in **Northport** had a mix of everything. Bluefishing was a nighttime affair with bunker chunks while bass to 10 pounds were reported on umbrellas. Blackfish were in 30 feet of water north of Buoy 13, and beach fishing was slow with only a fish or two per night per sharpie.

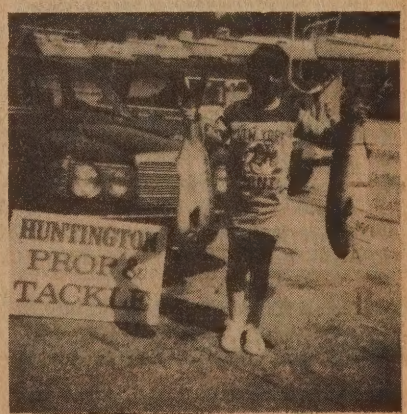
The **Caraftis Fishing Station** said that the best blackfishing in the Port Jeff area was in 20 to 30 feet of water off Old Field and Cranes. There were a number of 8 pounders in the week's take with the best fish weighed at 9½. Harbor blues were large with chunks accounting for 10-16 pound slammers.

Ralph's Fishing Station in **Mount Sinai** spoke of 4 pound school bluefish around Buoy 9. The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported a good Friday night on bass and fish of 20 and 17½ pounds hauled onto their scales by Lee Menszak on Saturday. Local blackfishing was good enough to create great sale conditions for crabs. Woodhull Landing and the Shoreham Pipe were other areas for tautog in the report.

NORTH FORK

The hottest item in the report from this area was a pod of enormous porgies located on one tide last week by anglers fishing for blackfish with soft bait near Mulford. Six of the scup weighed between 3¼ and 7¼ pounds on accurate scales at **Jamesport Bait & Tackle**!

Warren's in **Aquebogue** was still reporting plenty of bluefish from points east, and the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** suggested that bluefish sizes had increased to a 14 pound maximum in Plum Gut, the Race, and Pigeon Rip. Bucktails were more effective on bass than live bait due to the presence of the blues, and bass tend to be small with a few fish to 15 pounds.



Young Gregory Pinter shows a pair of 12¼ lb. blues that he landed in Long Island Sound near Huntington on Jointed Rebels. The fish were checked in at Huntington Prop and Tackle.

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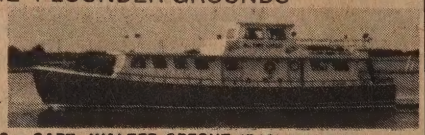

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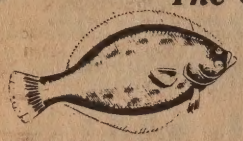

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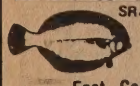

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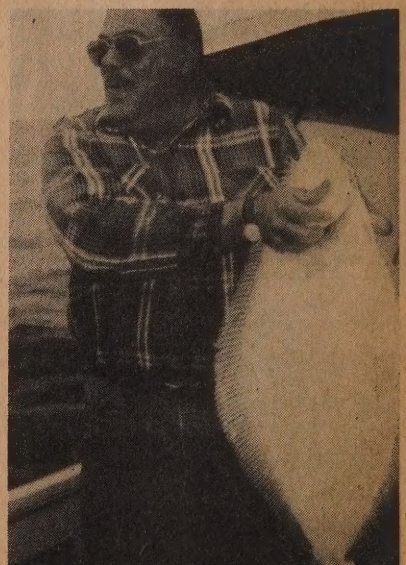
The season appears over in the western Peconics due to heavy dragging pressure. A few boats from **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** managed only one weakfish and one flounder over the weekend. The **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** did have some blackfish in the Greenlawns with many private boats fishing flounder around Orient and blackfish near Mulford.

The **Mattituck Fishing Station** mentioned some nice porgies east of the inlet with 1½ to 2 pound scup common. There was also pretty good blackfishing in 15-20 feet of water for the 8 boats out on Sunday.

Pete Izzo called to say that the **BoAnne** had 6 in parties on both Saturday and Sunday and that blackfishing off Plum and Orient had been good on both days. Catches of 6-10 per person were the norm with fish to 8 pounds. John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** told us that full moon tides should not bother the good blackfishing he enjoyed over the weekend in 20-40 feet of water. Incoming tide was by far the best and there were a few bulldogs to nearly 12 pounds in the catch.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time II** had a nice Sunday with tautog on every drop from Orient out to Gull. There were fine numbers of fish in the 4 pound class, and a few larger fish over 6 pounds show up every day. Flounder fishing has been going very, very well.

The **Peconic Star** has been working on porgies alternating between New London and Plum Island, and Dave Brennan was happy with weekend results. The **Brand X** had some good catches of large porgies off New London according to Art White.



Steve Spinelli brought this 15.8 lb. doormat to net off of Mattituck back in June. The fish was weighed at Four Winds Tackle in Huntington.

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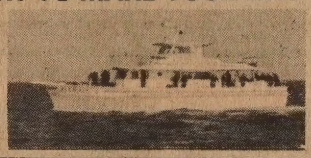

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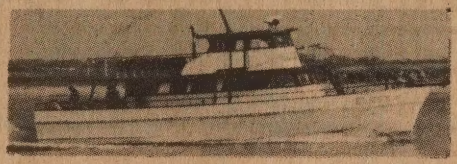

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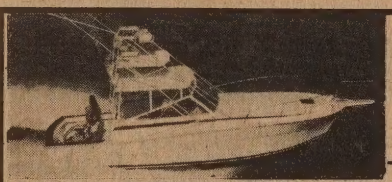

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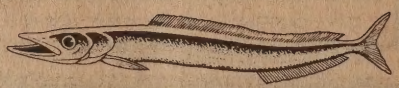

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Surf REPORT
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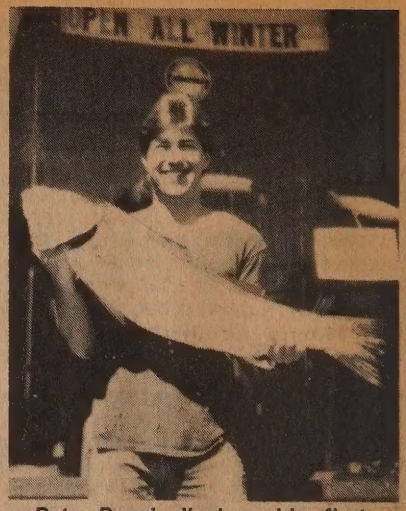
Blessed by more northeast wind at the beginning of last week, the Long Island surf crowd enjoyed a number of good innings in the suds this past week. While blues continue to dominate the scene, there were a fair number of bass caught and also a belated showing of weaks at Montauk.

Bluefish and school bass up into the teens are well spread through the Rockaways with fish also being taken at Breezy Point. Most of the blues are falling to tins or baits of butterfish and bunker while the bass are being taken on poppers or blackback Rebels. This all from Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle Shop** in **Sheepshead Bay**.

At Jones Beach, casters working West End II and Parking Field 6 enjoyed a number of good shots at bass, blues and weaks this past week. Big weaks were being taken on live bunker (snagged on the scene) inside the inlet at night through the first half of the week while big blues and some school bass showed in the wash at 6 and West End II the latter half of the week. Jim Johnson of Lindenhurst checked in 4 big blues to 18 pounds at **Merrick Tackle**. They were taken at West End II Friday evening on bunker chunks. Steve Petri of Merrick Tackle who reported this, added that other casters scored on the big choppers with poppers and tins from the West End jetty.



Pete Punzi displays his first striper, a 20 lber. that took a bunker chunk near Shoreham. Peter weighed his prize at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

Gilgo Beach produced a pick of big blues through much of the week for those fishing bait. Scott Smyth who mans the counter at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** clicked with a 16 pound chopper Sunday night. He used a bunker chunk. George McGraw checked a 22 pound bass into Bob's Tackle over the weekend. Scott thought the fish was taken on an eel. Those monster blues that moved into Fire Island Inlet the week before last were still camped on the Outer Bar during last Monday's nor'easter. Hayes Tiemann (formally of The Store) nailed 6 of the slammers on a blue and silver darter during the afternoon. His biggest was a shade under 21 pounds. That night, Mark Reuchel nailed blues of 15, 19.2 and 19.4 pounds on plugs.

Big blues are also in the Fire Island surf with good action reported at Robert Moses Field 4, 3, 2 and at Democrat on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Most of the fish range from 10 and 14 pounds with an occasional larger fish taken on bait and tin. Bob Sprenger at **Captree Bait Station** weighed a 16 pound blue for Dan Hladily, a 12½ pounder for Ron DeGaro and an 11 pounder for Vince Graziano. A reminder too from Bob that anyone wishing to fish in the New York Surf Bluefish Derby can enter at the Bait Station.

Mike Sala checked in 4 big blues at **J & R Sports Center** on Friday. They were taken at Robert Moses as were a pair of choppers to 15 pounds taken by Tom Cole. All fell for tins. Not all the fish in this area were blue. Howard Hahn checked in a 31½ pound bass and weaks of 9, 12½ and 13½ pounds at **Augie's Tackle Shop** Friday morning. He told Bill Stramenzzi that all were taken at Democrat before dawn.

There was good action with big blues in the Moriches surf as well, this past week. Paul Graniello of **J & J**

Tackle in **Patchogue** said that during Monday's northeast wind blues in the teens to 20 pound class were taken in the early morning and again in the evening on plugs and tins. Smaller fish to 5 pounds filled in for the mid-day watch. Since then there has been a steady pick of 10-16 pound blues along with an occasional weakfish on bait. This was through Friday. Tuesday evening saw George Dietz of Patchogue Fishing Club nail a 24 pound striper on a big HellCat along the open beach. Several other stripers in the teens and 20 pound range were taken along the beach that same evening. Biggest weakfish taken from the local suds here was a 13 pounder taken on a bunker chunk by Richie Schroeder of Great South Bay Anglers Club.

Out in **Montauk**, the front came to life on Thursday night with a decent showing of weaks and some bass to 30 pounds taken by a handful of casters. Since then there has been a pick of weakfish with a fair showing of fish early Sunday morning and some fish also taken before dawn Monday. All of this occurred under the

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Light. Also a few fish taken from the south side by wet suiters. A tally for the long weekend came from Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop**. Charlie Wehnes clicked with a 30 pound striper, Richie Brown of Farragut Striper Club had 4 weaks to 11 pounds and 3 bass to 20 under the Light on Thursday. Steve Bunai picked bass of 13, 16 and 23 pounds through the weekend while Willie Young accounted for 4 bass from the low teens to 30 pounds. Still plenty of blues with a few weaks and school bass mixed with them along the sand beach. The most consistent action for the blues has been between Gurney's and the Towers.

Not much news filtering from the North Shore but enough to indicate that when conditions (wind and tide) are right there have been an increasing number of keeper bass being taken along the beaches from Lloyd Point to Wading River. Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** weighed bass of 17½ and 20½ for Lee Menszak on Saturday morning. They came from the Shoreham area. Carl Cruz used a chunk of snapper to take a 12½ pound blue from a local beach this week. Stan also saw a couple of fish imported from Shinnecock. Tim Laskos had a 16½ pounder while Howie Setnicar had bass of 19½ and 10 pounds on yellow Needlefish plugs.

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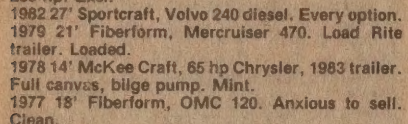

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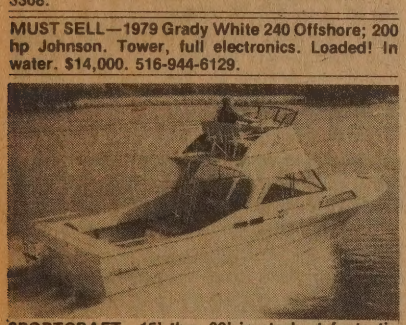

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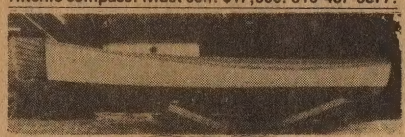

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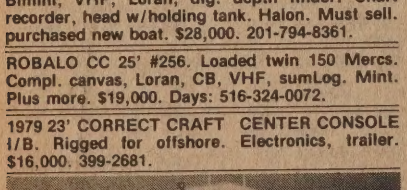

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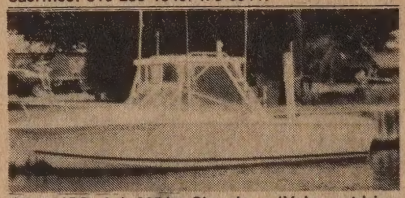

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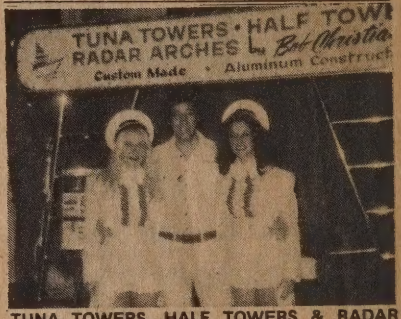

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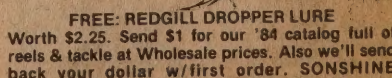

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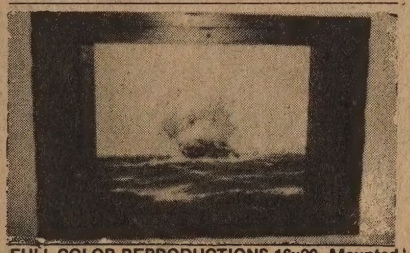

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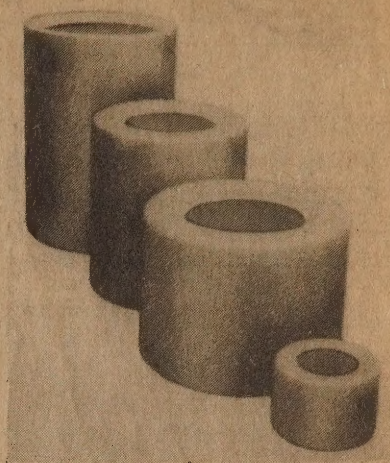

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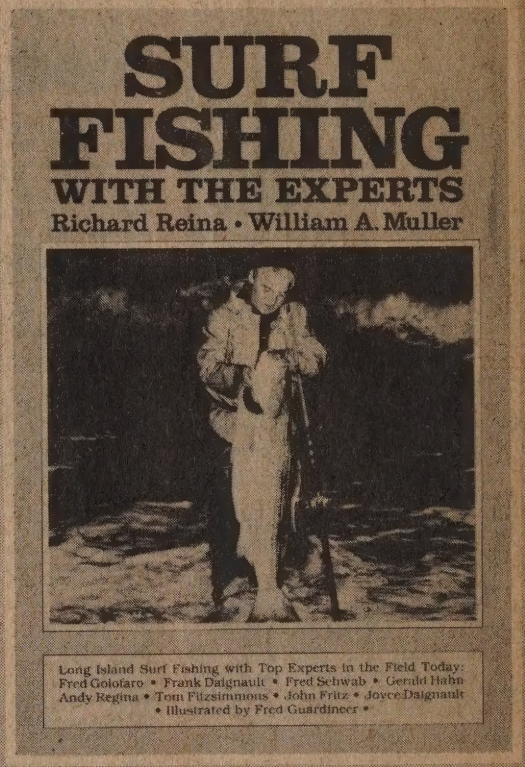
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